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Dear Editor,

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The manuscript has been improved according to the reviewers' suggestions as follows:

1 Format has been updated

2 The following specific revisions have been made:

(1) According to comments from Reviewer 00053485, we have added discussion about: 1) changes in pancreatic β -cells (page 7, lines 27; page 8, line 4); 2) changes in gut hormones (page 8, line 6 - 22); and 3) anti-diabetic and anti-lipid medications (page 13, line 15; page 14, line 15). In addition, these topics have also been clarified in the Abstract (page 2, lines 21 - 24), Core tip (page 2, line 35; page 3, line 1), Introduction (page 4, lines 25 and 28 - 30) and Conclusion (page 14, lines 22 - 25).

(2) According to comments from Reviewer 00002243, we have moved and fused some paragraphs of 'HCV-induced metabolic disturbance' to the Introduction section (page 4, lines 3 - 13) as well as the section of 'HCV affects lipid metabolism and induces hepatic steatosis by genotype-specific mechanisms' (page 8, lines 25 - 31).

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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