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**Title:** Histopathology of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease/nonalcoholic steatohepatitis

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer No. 00068215

We appreciate this reviewer's kind comments to our manuscript. We included the paper by Ratziu V et al in the revised manuscript (page 19, line 2-5; Ref. 57) according to instructions of this reviewer.

Reviewer No. 02541410

(1) This reviewer pointed out that our original manuscript did not mention comparison between liver biopsy and other diagnostic methods, especially recently developed molecular marker approach. Therefore, we dealt with this topic in the section "VALUE OF LIVER BIOPSY IN NAFLD/NASH" in the revised manuscript (page 19-20).

(2) This reviewer pointed out that there was no authors' suggestion with regard to establishment of criteria for assessing the histopathological features in the original manuscript. Therefore, we proposed active use of immunohistochemical staining in the pathological diagnosis of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)/nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) in the revised manuscript (page 22, line 8-13).

(3) We revised the last sentence of Abstract according to this reviewer's instructions (page 3, line 20-21)

(4) We revised the sections "DIAGNOSIS OF NASH" and "CONCLUSION" to make them more intelligible (page 6 and 22). We consulted a professional English language editing company in preparing the revised manuscript. Certificate of English editing is attached.

Reviewer No. 02523899

(1) We followed all grammatical revisions of this reviewer.

(2) We combined the first two sentences of the paragraph "Steatosis" according to this reviewer's instructions (page 9, line 4-5).

(3) We removed parentheses from "known as burn-out NASH" and incorporated into the preceding sentence in the "Fibrosis" section according to this reviewer's instructions (page 11, line 16-18).

(4) We changed "long period" to "extended period of time" in the section "SH-HCC" according to this reviewer's instructions (page 21, line 6).

(5) We mentioned steatohepatitic hepatocellular carcinoma (SH-HCC) in the introduction in the revised manuscript (page 5, line 17,18).

(6) We moved the sections "DIAGNOSIS OF NASH" and "GRADING AND STAGING OF NASH" to the beginning of the article (just behind INTRODUCTION) in the revised manuscript (page 6-8).

(7) The last paragraph in the pediatric section was incorporated into the earlier paragraph in the revised manuscript (page 16, line 5-10).

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yoshihisa Takahashi".

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