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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very nice revision about new aspects regarding microbiota and NASH. Although there is little evidence regarding this theme, this review was able to address important topics. figures are of great quality. Review the format concerning subtitles and subsections of the manuscript, and also the conclusion (must have a subtitle line 8 (page 23) - the way to write MAFLD must be correct References: The references are up dated and representative, being 37% of the last 5 years. the format are not according the rules of WJG and must be reviewed



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The review "Gut microbiome and MAFLD: current status and possible applications", ID: 05077820; by Fei Yao, Wei-peng Lu, Hao-ming Xu is a manuscript that presents the difficulty of deciding which is the proper publication site. This is because it is interesting, well-designed, up-to-date, well-referenced (#147), clear figures, and well-discussed. From this reviewer's point of view, this is an excellent book chapter (#22 pages from abstract to references). To be considered for publication in a journal, authors must focus on a few of the many subheadings submitted, such as "lipid disorders and GM" or "insulin resistance and GM," "hepatic and ethanol and GM pathophysiology," etc., but , is a basic, extensive description, which should be deepened further. For example, choline is a very interesting molecule, since it is only incorporated by the diet and by the synthesis of the gut microbiome. Diets deficient in choline and vit. B12 administered to weanling rats induces fatty liver and renal cortical necrosis with almost 100% deaths within 10 days. This pathophysiology should be presented and discussed. The authors overlooked this and other data, it is possible that it is due to the extensive information, which although it covers many topics, does not do so in depth.



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