

To the Editor in Chief

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We would like to thank the Editor and the Reviewer for giving us the opportunity to submit the revised article.

Reviewer's comments: the novelty of this manuscript is good, and the result can help to explain the research purpose. In general, there is a lack of explanation of replicates and statistical methods used in the study. Furthermore, there are few explanations of the rationale for the study design.

Answer to the Reviewer's comments: we admit the replication of some results, but it was done to facilitate the understanding of the work even by non-expert persons in the field of lipid metabolism; concerning the comment about the explanations of the rationale for the study design, it would appear in contrast with the first reviewer's statement "the novelty of this manuscript is good, and the result can help to explain the research purpose"; as a consequence, we wouldn't made any changes in the present draft of the manuscript, but we are prepared to do that, if considered essential for the publication.

The English language editing was carried out twice. The first time before the submission of the manuscript on December 2016. The second time on February 2017, on the manuscript edited by the WJG editor. It was performed by a certified professional native English speakers, who carries out editing activities for the Department of Medical and Surgical Science of the University of Bologna, since twenty years. His editing was always accepted, even by English journals, such as Gut and Gastroenterology. The certify of professional editing has been attached.

Sincerely yours

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