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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9166-review.doc).

Title: Peripheral arterial disease, type 2 diabetes and postprandial lipidaemia: Is there a link?

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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

(1) **Reviewed by 00597793:** We agree with the reviewer; there are two parts in our review paper. First the association between type 2 diabetes and PAD; the second part focus on the role of postprandial particles and PAD; the association between both are well known, and it is generally assumed that postprandial lipids promote atherosclerosis. However we hypothesized that PAD may delay the clearance of postprandial particles and that might be especially relevant in the case of subjects suffering from type 2 diabetes. That's the reason by which this part takes up half of our article. The Lupattelli's study is important because is the only one who focused on the postprandial lipaemia and PAD. The section Postprandial lipidaemia review the major concerns of the issue and gives some relevant information on methodology, necessary understanding the problem.

(2) **Reviewed by 00058872:** We recognize the major role played by NAFLD as a consequence of insulin resistance, in the pathogenesis of atherosclerosis. However, we did not mention along our manuscript any time NAFLD or even liver steatosis or steatohepatitis. We sincerely believe that this three references won't fit well with the scope of our review, unless a marginal mention, so we have decided not to include them in the final version

(3) **Reviewed by 02510721:** We have already answered that comments. As we mentioned above, there are two different parts of our review. The second one is our working hypothesis on the role of the silent PAD in the exaggerated postprandial lipaemia seen in patients with type 2 diabetes. We believe that these two parts are complimentary. In other hand, our review is structured as the editor recommends (http://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/g_info_20100725072656.htm)

(4) **Reviewed by (?):** We have amended the heading of some paragraph as suggested by the reviewer (notice in red in the manuscript). Nevertheless, we did not eliminate the heading entitled "May PAD delay postprandial lipid catabolism?" because it focus on one of the main topic of our review.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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