

Dear Editorial Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to revise and publish this manuscript. We have responded to the comment by the reviewer and addressed changes directly in the text. We have also updated the figure and addressed editorial requests as noted below.

Please note, there were no significant changes to the content of our article during revisions. Two sections were rearranged slightly, these are highlighted yellow in the “tracked” file. The remainder of the changes to the text are grammar and clarity edits; these edits were not highlighted but are demonstrated using the tracked changes feature. All changes are reflected in the “clean” copy of the manuscript file (90098 Manuscript-Clean).

Reviewer and Editor Comments:

- R1: Unfortunately, the thought: “Further research is needed to develop clinical recommendations for AUD screening and ALD management” is written (too) often.
 - o On review of the paper, we only identified this statement once. Throughout the manuscript, we have removed/or replaced the term “further” as able.
- R1: The authors should definitely improve figure 1 (Figure 1: Mechanisms of alcohol related liver disease after bariatric surgery) showing the interconnections.
 - o R1 - Thank you for this suggestion. We have highlighted some interconnections in the updated figure and labeled the figure with the appropriate sub-labels (A-D). The figure legend was updated based on the A-D labels.
 - o E- We added the text “Image created using Biorender.com.” and have attached the figure publication license to the revised submission.
- E: English language certification.
 - o All authors in this speak and write English as a first language and have degrees from liberal arts colleges within the United States in addition to medical degrees. The manuscript has been thoroughly edited and reviewed with grammar and spell check of word processing software.
- E: Abbreviations
 - o The manuscript has been reviewed for appropriate use of abbreviations.
- E: Citations
 - o Citations now include all author names.
 - o All citations have PMID or PMC and a DOI included.
- E: Conflict of interest.
 - o The following conflict of interest statement has been uploaded as an isolated document: “Deepika Devuni has received grant funding from Sequana Medical for a clinical trial unrelated to the present work and grant funding from the NIAAA for research unrelated to this work. All other authors have no conflicts of interest to report.”

We would be happy to make further changes as needed.

Sincerely,
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