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Dear Editor,

Re: Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease in Irritable Bowel Syndrome: more than a coincidence?

We are very grateful to the editorial team and peer reviewer for the positive feedback and provisional acceptance of this paper.

We have noted the comments from the editorial team and are pleased to enclose copies of the manuscript and the other documents requested as follows:

1. Final manuscript formatted as requested including author contribution statement, updated references including PMID numbers and DOI added throughout.
2. Audio core tip.
3. Tables provided as a separate document.
4. Figure provided in editable powerpoint format.
5. Copyright agreement licence - approved and dated by all authors
6. Conflict of interests form.

We hope the manuscript is now suitable for publication.

Yours Sincerely

Dipesh Vasant on behalf of the authors.

Reviewer comments:

It is a well-written and interesting review paper which summarized the shared pathogenesis between IBD and NAFLD, and also pointed out the co-incidence of NAFLD in patients with IBS. The Table 2 and Figure 1 are informative. Moreover, authors highlighted the lack of large, high quality data regarding the co-incidence of both disease settings, and provide suggestion on clinical practice. Overall, it is a high-quality paper, and the current version is accepted for publication.

Response: Thanks for your comments.