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Dear Editor

We thank the reviewers for their appreciation and valuable comments. The manuscript has been revised accordingly, and the changes have been highlighted in yellow in the edited version of the manuscript. Our point-by-point responses are listed below.

- 1- Page 3, Abstract section has been restructured, as requested.
- 2-Page 4, Core tip section has been recorded as audio, as requested.
- 3- Page 17-18, The “Comments” section has been added, as requested.
- 4- Two different versions of figures (with and without markers) have been created and submitted, as requested.
- 5- Page 4, Core tip section: Line 1 a hyphen (-) has been added to the word “non-alcoholic”
- 6- Page 4, Core tip section: Line 7, the letter “s” has been added to the word “finding” (findings)
- 7- Results section, Page 11, second paragraph, last sentence: A space has been inserted before the word “and”
- 8- Results section, Page 12, first paragraph, first sentence: The letter “c” in the word “carnitine” has been capitalized (Carnitine)
- 9- Conclusion section, page 16, line 4: A comma (,) has been inserted after the word “storage”
- 10- Figure Legends, page 30., Figure 7 legend:
 - a- line 1 : Capital letter “P” has been changed to small case (p-JNK).
 - b- line 3: the word “of” has been omitted
- 11- Figure Legends, page 30., Figure 9 legend, line 4: The letter “l” has been added to the word “real-time”
- 12- Page 31, Table 1: The words “Mtp” and “Fsp7” have been corrected as “Mttp” and “Fsp27”
- 13- A signed Copyright Assignment form has been submitted

We completed all of the required changes and believe that the manuscript is now suitable for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Sincerely

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