

Dear Editors and Reviewers,

I am glad to receive your letter. Thank you very much for your hard work and kind suggestions. I have read the comments carefully and revised the manuscript according to your suggestions. Thanks again for your excellent work.

The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer's comments are as following:

Reviewer(s)' Comments to Author:

Response to Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good). Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing). Conclusion: Accept (General priority). Specific Comments to Authors: I have studied the manuscript entitled "Predictive value of alanine aminotransferase for metabolic dysfunction-associated fatty liver disease" by Liu W. et al. The manuscript is carefully prepared. The language used is proper and lacks syntax errors or typos. The authors provide the rationale for assessing the novelty of the paper by Chen JF et al. As MAFLD is a relatively newly introduced entity, such an editorial could be of additional educative value and thus could be of interest to a broad readership. There are no comments/issues to be assessed. I have no objection for publication.

[Reply:](#) Thanks for your kind comments.

Editor Comments to Author (if any):

Thanks for your valuable comments and suggestions which have led to significant improvement on the presentation and quality of this paper. The following are point-by-point responses to your concerns. And we shall detail the changes we have made on the paper.

Science editor's comment to author:

Response to Science editor:

1 Scientific quality: The authors submitted an editorial of predictive value of alanine aminotransferase for metabolic dysfunction-associated fatty liver disease.

(1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The manuscript is carefully prepared. The language used is proper and lacks syntax errors or typos. The authors provide the rationale for assessing the novelty of the paper by Chen JF et al. As MAFLD is a relatively newly introduced entity, such an editorial could be of additional educative value and thus could be of interest to a broad readership. There are no comments/issues to be assessed; (3) References

recommendations: The reviewer didn't request the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself. (4) Manuscript Type: After verification, the manuscript type is "Editorial".

Reply: Thanks for your kind comments.

2 Specific comments

(1) Country/Territory of origin: China. (2) Please visit the following website for the professional English language editing companies that we recommend: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/gerinfo/240>.

Reply: Thanks for your kind comments.

(3) Please add the Running Title: A short running title of no more than 6 words should be provided. Abbreviations are permitted. For example, Losurdo G et al. Two-year follow-up of HCC.

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Reply: Thanks for your comments. We have added Running Title in the revised manuscript following your suggestion. Please see page 1 of the revised manuscript.

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Reply: Thanks for your kind comments. We have modified the 'Author contributions' passage in the revised manuscript following your suggestion. Please see page 1 of the revised manuscript.

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Reply: Thanks for your advice. The recommended reference is cited in the

revised manuscript. Pleases see page 7.

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5. Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s).

Reply: Many thanks for your comments. We have upload the funding agency copies of the approval documents.

Company editor-in-chief's comment to author:

Response to Company editor-in-chief:

I recommend the manuscript to be published in the World Journal of Hepatology.

Reply: Thanks a lot.