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Title: Measurement of the total antioxidant response using a novel automated method in subjects with nonalcoholic steatohepatitis

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Dear Editor, September 1, 2005

Thanks for your attention that you have paid for our manuscript entitled as "Measurement of the total antioxidant response using a novel automated method in subjects with nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (MS: 3288188686365540)". We revised the manuscript according to suggestions of reviewer. The revisions that made are listed below by providing point-by-point response.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Both in the abstract and in the discussion any conclusion stating that oxidative stress plays a role in the pathogenesis of NASH should be omitted. In a cross-sectional analysis, the association between the variables does not predict which comes first, and no pathogenic clue can be derived. The authors are invited to comment on association, not on pathogenesis.

   * Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis is associated with increased oxidant capacity, especially in the presence of liver fibrosis.

2. Histological data should be transferred into the method section.

   *Done.

3. Figures should be redrawn omitting half points in the x-axis. In a categorical system, only units should be presented. R should be changed into rs.

   *Done.

4. The whole manuscript needs some editing for the English language (avoid to repeat Zone 3 perisinusoidal/pericellular fibrosis in histology; No .... neither .... nor in the result section; etc.).

   *Done.