**Reviewer's report**

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

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**Reviewer:** Giulio Marchesini

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**General**
The study has improved much. It remains purely confirmatory, but the new method may help define the role of oxidative stress in NASH as well as in other clinical conditions. Here are a few additional suggestions to improve the manuscript further.

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

**What next?:** Accept after minor essential revisions

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests