Reviewer’s report

Title: Association between PPARGC1A polymorphisms and the occurrence of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)

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This is re-review of the paper Association between PPARGC1A polymorphisms and the occurrence of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) by Yoneda and co-authors.

The re-reviewed paper much improved after revision. nevertheless, it still requires Minor Essential Revisions. Particularly, all new additions of the paper has not been proof-read for the point of view of teh grammar and style. as an example, three different added sentences start from word "And", which is not acceptebale in English. Added paragraph also contain "Jargon" expressions, e.g. "expression lower in the liver of the TT group"

and "p value for the polymorphism is small"

Real-time PCR experiments shall be performed at least in triplicates, but I guess this is too late to fix :-(

RT-PCR section in Methods shall at least mention that sample were liver biopsies.

Secondly, Authors

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: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.