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Title: Prevalence and determinants of diabetes mellitus among Iranian patients with chronic liver disease

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The comments of reviewer Gregory Kirk
1. We have provided mean ages of the individual study groups (diabetic and non-diabetic patients separately in chronic hepatitis and cirrhosis groups) in Table 3 and it has been clearly shown that mean age of both in chronic hepatitis and cirrhosis groups was significantly higher in diabetic cases compared with non-diabetic ones. We strongly agree with the reviewer that the use of age cut point may be inaccurate and cut point in continuous variables does not provide very refined analysis. However, we believe that presenting data in this form makes them more understandable for the readers most of whom usually know about statistics very little. When you use, for instance, OR: 1.09 (95% CI: 1.05-1.15) for age without cut point they usually ask themselves what does it mean, Which age category 1.09 times more exposed to DM. They are the questions that we frequently receive from our readers. It is why in this article, like many other papers you can see in journals, we prefer to use cut point for age although we believe that it is not accurate. After this explanations, if the reviewer insists on presenting analysis in the form he recommended, please let us know to revise the analysis.
2. It was a very important point we had missed. We added a few lines in Discussion (paragraph 5, line 5-7) about this issue.
3. The requested revision was done (Discussion, paragraph 7, line 1-3)

Minor Comments

- 95% CI was added to both the abstract and the text.
- In second revision we got a professional editor to edit the manuscript for grammar and punctuation.

The comments of reviewer Teh-Ia I Huo

In second revision we got a professional editor to edit the manuscript for typography, grammar and punctuation.