Author’s response to reviews

Title: Strong association between non alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and low 25(OH) vitamin D levels in an adult population with normal serum liver enzymes.

Authors:

Ilaria Barchetta (ilaria.barchetta@hotmail.com)
Francesco Angelico (francesco.angelico@uniroma1.it)
Maria Del Ben (maria.delben@uniroma1.it)
Marco Giorgio Baroni (marco.baroni@medicina.unica.it)
Paolo Pozzilli (p.pozzilli@unicampus.it)
Sergio Morini (s.morini@unicampus.it)
Maria Gisella Cavallo (gisella.cavallo@uniroma1.it)

Version: 6 Date: 24 May 2011

Author’s response to reviews:

Dr Lin Lee,
Please find enclosed our manuscript entitled: “Strong association between non alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and low 25(OH) vitamin D levels in an adult population with normal serum liver enzymes” (MS: 1972360686520661) revised to adhere to the editorial requests.

In the manuscript all the changes made have been written in red.

Best regards
Maria Gisella Cavallo

• We have now added the Author’s contributions and Acknowledgements sections as requested by the editor.

Author’s contributions
All authors were involved in the conception and design of this study. IB, FA, MDB and MGC collected study population and performed clinical and laboratory evaluations. IB performed clinical and laboratory data collection. IB, FA, MGB and MGC wrote the manuscript, performed statistical analysis and organized data presentation. SM and PP provided intellectual contribution to the manuscript. MGC coordinated the study. All authors revised the article critically for important intellectual content and gave final approval of the version to be published.

Acknowledgements
The authors gratefully acknowledge Prof. S. Simonazzi and his staff, Occupational Medicine and Radioprotection Service, General Direction, Umberto
I Policlinico of Rome, for referring subjects to our Metabolic Unit, and dr. Luciana Valente, Endocrinology & Diabetes (CIR), University Campus Bio-Medico, Rome, for laboratory procedures support. This study was founded by research grants from the Italian Ministry of University and Research (PRIN grant 2008) and from the Sapienza University of Rome.