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Dear Professor Alam,

**Article submission to BMC Medicine**

We are indebted to the reviewers for their constructive and insightful comments and suggestions. Please see our specific responses below.

**Reviewer: Vincent Wong**

The case definition (mild steatosis as not NAFLD) and the small number of liver-related mortality remain potential sources of bias. Otherwise I have nothing else to add.

*Reply: We agree with the reviewer and we have stated clearly that the case definition (defining mild steatosis as non-NAFLD) and the small number of liver-related mortality as potential sources of bias on Pages 22 and 23.*