Reviewer's report

Title: Elevated plasma copeptin levels identify the presence and severity of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in obesity.

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Reviewer: Filippo Valbusa

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In this study cross-sectional study, Barchetta I and coll., analyzed the correlation between plasma copeptin levels and the NAFLD severity (biopsy-proven) in obese patients.

The study demonstrates that copeptin levels predict the presence of biopsy-proven NAFLD in obese individuals independently of other variables analyzed.

The study is well conducted and the results shown well justify the conclusions reported.

Only a few minor observations:

On page 6 line 21 it is repeated "using a"

Hypertension is one of the parameters evaluated for diagnosis of MS. The authors reported the blood pressure levels but we have no information on how many obese patients were hypertensive and how many were taking any antihypertensive drug.

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