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: Fernando Bril

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The authors did a good job addressing most of the comments of the reviewers and editing the manuscript accordingly. However, I still think that:

- Insulin levels of 13 uU/ml or mU/L (NOT μU/L as in the table) in non-obese individuals with TG of ~77mg/dl, HDL ~56mg/dl, normal FPG, and no metabolic syndrome is strangely high. What method was used to measure insulin levels? (please include in methods). Any chance patients were not fasting?

- I still believe Table 1 and 2 would look better combined, with 3 groups: 1) Non-Obese (n=60); 2) Obese No NAFLD (n=28) and 3) Obese NAFLD (n=32). It allows for a more comprehensive comparison among the 3 groups. It is up to the editor to decide, I am fine either way.

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