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Title: Gender difference in the impact of gynoid and android fat masses on the progression of hepatic steatosis in Japanese patients with type 2 diabetes

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1. Thank you for the ethics approval and consent to participate statement. Can you please clarify why for studies like this one consent to participate is not necessary? Please ensure to include that justification in the ethics statement in the declarations section.

Reply: Thank you for sincere and meaningful review. As the editor pointed out, we added the following sentence in Ethics approval and consent to participate part: “The study contains retrospective observational data. For this type of study, formal consent is not required.” instead of “For this type of study formal consent is not required.”.

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Reply: As the editor pointed out, we added the conclusions part in the manuscript.

3. Before the declarations section please add a list of abbreviations used in the manuscript.

Reply: As the editor pointed out, we added the following sentence before the declarations section:

“Oh Abbreviations

γ-GTP: gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase; ACR: albumin-to-creatinine ratio; ALT: alanine aminotransferase; AST: aspartate aminotransferase; BMI: body mass index; CT: computed tomography; CVD: cardiovascular disease; DBP: diastolic blood pressure; DXA: dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry; eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate; HDL: high-density lipoprotein; IQR: interquartile range; JDS: Japan Diabetes Society; LDL: low-density protein; LAI: liver attenuation index; NAFLD: non-alcoholic fatty liver disease; ROI: regions of interest; SBP: systolic blood pressure; SD: standard deviation; SFA: subcutaneous fat area; SMI: skeletal muscle index; TG: triglycerides; VFA: visceral fat area”

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Reply: Thank you for a useful suggestion. In order to reduce the overlap to my previous report, we made paraphrase throughout the Methods section.
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Reply: I would like to follow your suggestion.