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Dear Prof Dr. Shimaa Moustafa,

You submitted a manuscript AJGH-2306-1034 entitled "H. Pylori and Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) Is there a unique relationship between?." to the African Journal of Gastroenterology and hepatology.  The reviewer's comments (s) are included at the end of this email.

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Sincerely,

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**Reviewer Comments to Author:**

**Reviewer1:**

1- in the introduction (the word recent) is mentioned three times with old references up to 2015

2- the aim of the work: how to assess (the exact) it is research

3- H pylori could not be diagnosed by stool antigen only

4- exclusion criteria must include other factors affecting the test as (PPI- antibiotics- drug history )

5- the author must write staging of fibrosis fatty liver and steatosis in the data

6 - in the patient and method the patient attended to (xxxxx), what is this?

7 - in table 2 selection of the cases was morbid obesity as BMI over 35, which is not mentioned in the patient and method

8- it is better to change the aim to a prevalence of H pylori in NAFLD, not as a cause

9- in conclusion, the author writes that there is a correlation between H pylori and the degree of steatosis and fibrosis, which is not clarified with his results or tables no data about the correlation in this paper

**Reviewer 2: AM**

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**Reviewer 3:**

General ‎

‎1.‎ Insert page numbers.‎

‎2.‎ The writing of the paper in a paper style, not as a protocol or thesis ‎style (delete the aim of work, ETC)‎

Title ‎

‎1.‎ Remove the abbreviation from the title. ‎

‎2.‎ First letters should be capitalized or small in all title words.‎

‎3.‎

Abstract and keywords ‎

‎1.‎ No abstract in the paper. Please add full abstract according to our ‎journal style.‎

‎2.‎ Add Keywords. ‎

Introduction ‎

‎1.‎ Modify the red word with a yellow highlight. ‎

Patients and methods ‎

‎1.‎ Write in paper style, not in proposal style. ‎

‎2.‎ Add the site of study in place of (××××)‎

‎3.‎ In inclusion criteria (Patients who H pylori positive and have ‎evidence of NAFLD in the US and Fibroscan according to the criteria? ‎what is the criteria of diagnosis of NAFLD ? with its reference)‎

‎4.‎ In exclusion criteria, Viral hepatitis, especially HCV, DM, obesity, and ‎multiple other factors are risk factors for NAFLD. How can you ‎exclude? ‎

‎5.‎ Delete all the content of consent and insert the IRB number.‎

Statistical ‎

‎1.‎ Add statistical analysis methods in detail. ‎

Results

‎1.‎ Add smoking in tab.1 instead of tab.2‎

‎2.‎ ‎In Table ‎‏2‏‎ weight is significantly different ( correct in comments)‎

‎3.‎ In Table 2 Number of DM patients in the study 74, not 36 table 1‎

‎4.‎ In Table 3, cholesterol is significantly different. ‎( correct in ‎comments)‎

‎5.‎ ‎ In Table 3 Number of HTN patients in the study 70, not 40 table 1‎

‎6.‎ In Table 4, How did you determine fibrosis and steatosis?‎

‎7.‎ You need to do a Multivariate analysis to determine the relationship of ‎Hpylori with steatosis.

8. check the uploaded file (BM1).‎

**reviewer 4**

**1**- Please write inclusion and exclusion criteria in the paragraph

2- Add precautions before H pylori stool antigen test as stoppage of PPI 2 weeks before and antibiotics

3- Correct all patients will be subjected to were subjected

4- What is the diagnostic value of CAP and LSM to diagnose liver steatosis and fibrosis

5- Correct style of some references in the manuscript (no first name)

6- According to cholesterol in the text, you said no significant difference between 2 groups but in Table 3 (p =0.0001)

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