

## Peer Review File

### **Reviewer Comment**

#### **Comments to the authors:**

This is a cross sectional study aimed to compare the characteristics of patients with NASH. The patients were screened and selected from UCLA Pfleger Liver Institute. Participants responded to a survey designed by the investigators and also had relevant clinical data abstracted from their medical records. All of the above information was summarized and compared across different ethnicities. Additional and more specific comments and suggestions, all of which are intended to strengthen the manuscript, are provided below:

#### **Introduction:**

##### **Comment 1:**

- “We sought to compare the prevalence and characteristics of patients with NASH-NAFLD.” Perhaps the authors could make it clearer that they are comparing the dietary habits and characteristics of NAFLD patients across different ethnicities.

##### **Answer:**

This was changed and clarified, please see page 3 line 4-6 and page 5 line 25-26

##### **Comment 2:**

- There was a typo in the last paragraph of the introduction. “Perspective” makes more sense than “prospective.”

##### **Answer:**

Changed please see page 5 line 23

#### **Methods:**

##### **Comment 1:**

- The actual demographic and family history questionnaires should be included in the manuscript.

##### **Answer:**

The survey was added as an index to the end of the paper. Please see page 21-23. This was referenced in methods section page 7 lines 1-2

**Results:**

**Comment 1:**

- The authors reported on results by pointing out the difference in clinical profiles across different ethnic groups so a table that shows all relevant clinical data (survey responses or abstracted data) stratified by ethnicities would be helpful to the readers.

**Answer:**

Table 4 was added, please see page 20. This was referenced in the results section page 8 line 20

**Comment 2:**

- The sentence “When white Hispanics were compared to other populations White Hispanics had female predominance p value 0.01, were diagnosed at age over 60 years of age which was not significantly different from other populations p-value 0.03” needs to be rewritten. It is unclear what was diagnosed.

**Answer:**

The sentence was clarified and re-written please see page 9 lines 1-6.

**Discussion:**

**Comment 1:**

- Could the authors speculate on the reason for the large discrepancy between the self-report rate of obesity and actual BMI in the White Hispanics group? Was it due to difference in culture, dietary habits or health literacy?

**Answer:**

The above was clarified and re-written, please see discussion on Page 13 lines 2-7.