Bariatric Surgery and Liver Function Tests in Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

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Dear Editor,

The recent report on “Bariatric Surgery and Liver Function Tests in Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) [1]” is very interesting. Ooi et al. concluded that “improvements in NAFLD occurred rapidly after bariatric surgery and were closely related to weight loss and metabolic factors [1].” We agree with this observation. However, the implication in the setting with high prevalence of viral hepatitis such as in East Asia might be limited. The report is usually lack of the data on the situation with concomitant problem of viral hepatitis [2]. As noted by Seto WK and Yuen [3], “the lower prevalence of obesity and the overwhelming problem of viral hepatitis in Asia” is the big concern and this can be the important factor affecting the usefulness of bariatric surgery in Asian situation.

Compliance with Ethical Standards

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Ethical Approval This article does not contain any studies with human participants or animals performed by any of the authors.

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