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Global multi-stakeholder endorsement of the MAFLD definition

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We, the undersigned, comprising over a thousand hepatologists, diabetologists, primary care providers, nephrologists, cardiologist, patient advocates, nurses and pharmaceutical experts from over 132 countries endorse the new name and definition for fatty liver disease (metabolic [dysfunction] associated fatty liver disease (MAFLD)). We advocate for this change as it enhances our ability to advance the science of fatty liver disease related to metabolic dysregulation and to improve patient care. This open letter represents the voices of individuals and multiple stakeholders across the global liver health community.

Our letter is in response to overwhelming evidence that demonstrates the superior utility of the MAFLD definition for patient management and awareness, alignment with other diseases associated with metabolic dysregulation, advocacy, and for public policy debate. Widespread adoption of the name and definition will set us on the path to a more cogent, coherent and logical framework to understand, diagnose and treat the disease we encounter.

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