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Only healthy mice (each group of pooled mice consisted of 3 - 10 mice, co-housed mice of the same strain, gender and age) or human liver tissue samples (defined as normal individuals, Steatosis and NASH) were considered in our analysis. Therefore, randomization and masking of research was not required.

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