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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Figures need to be arranged in panels.

## Reply:

We have arranged the figures in panels as suggested.

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The aim of the present study was to evaluate simultaneous administration of immunosuppressant drug, everolimus, and a human growth hormone on intestinal wound healing in a rat model. The authors demonstrated that the administration of everolimus in conjunction with hGH ameliorate the negative effect of everolimus on intestinal wound healing by reducing inflammation and increasing collagen deposits. The authors speculate this may act via the mTOR pathway. However, further research is warranted. The manuscript is well written, clear and concise. The research has significant application for immunosuppressant medications in patients undergoing solid organ transplantation. Minor comment. Fig. 5 b, the variation in the 3 groups suggest that there are no significant differences between the groups but the authors have reported a significant difference. Please check and clarify.

## Reply:

Thank you very much for your comments.

Regarding your minor comment on Fig. 5b: We agree that the variations suggest that there is no significant difference between the three groups. We therefore reviewed the numeric data and the statistical tests which came to the previous result that there is a difference. This might be due to the reason that the numeric data show a great basic variation per se. However, the zymograms (panel a) obviously indicate the significant differences between the everolimus group and the placebo and hGH groups by a reduced proteolytic activity in the placebo and hGH groups.