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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (**Manuscript Number: 27355**).

**Title:**

**Manuscript Title:** ORAL ADMINISTRATION OF A NON-ABSORBABLE PLANT CELL-EXPRESSED RECOMBINANT ANTI-TNF FUSION PROTEIN INDUCES IMMUNOMODULATORY EFFECTS AND ALLEVIATES NASH

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 27355.

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yaron Ilan'.

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**First reviewer:**

*Most of the work relies heavily on qualitative analyses of the treatment by measuring output only. There is no definitive comment on the long term effect of this treatment and its efficacy on NASH*

The authors accept the comment and the relevant sections were re-written to better connect the different sections of the manuscript.

**Second reviewer:**

***Introduction:** present relevant information about drug used in the study, about aims of the study. Last sentence of introduction contain information from conclusion (that is not relevant for introductive part of article .". The data show that the orally administered, plant cell-expressed recombinant anti-TNF fusion protein is biologically active, and it exerts an immunomodulatory effect alleviating several of the manifestations of NAFLD...."*

The relevant paragraph was corrected as suggested.

***Results:** authors present interesting and original result, but the main point of this study need to be redirected from diagnostic to biological importance of exposed results.*

We accept the comment, and the relevant sections in the Results and Discussion section were revised accordingly.