

August 10, 2016

Dear,

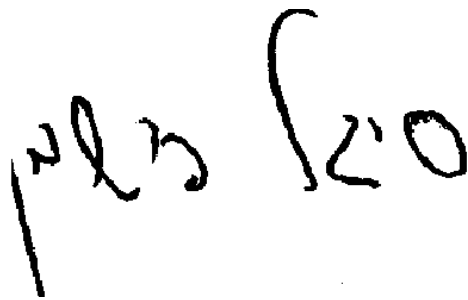
Prof. Lian-Sheng Ma,
President and Company Editor-in-Chief
World Journal of Hepatology

Title: Male Gender, Higher BMI and Degree of Smoking are Predictors for Advanced Fibrosis in Morbidly Obese Patients with Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

Number ID: 00070635

Institutional review board statement: The study was approved by the institutional review board of Tel Aviv medical center.

Informed consent statement: All participants signed an informed consent.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sigal Fishman'.

Sincerely yours,

Sigal Fishman MD

Director of Obesity Service

Gastroenterology Department

Tel-Aviv Medical Center