

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Pathophysiological Responses from Human Gut Microbiome.doc).

**Title:** Pathophysiological Responses from Human Gut Microbiome

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

1. Format has been updated
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers
  - a) Reviewer (02444986) has suggested adding a table summarizing beneficial and offensive bacteria in the diseases described.
    - ✓ We are grateful for the reviewer's comment. Studies on gut microbiota have shown the correlation between the alteration of the normal microbiota composition and the formation of the disease. All the bacteria, whose composition leads to the formation of any disease, are actually commensal bacteria. Therefore, there are technically no bacteria that can be termed as 'offensive'. Besides, it is yet to be unraveled whether the alteration in microbiota composition is a cause or a consequence of the diseases. Hence, it is not possible to provide such a table.
  - b) Reviewer (02552296) has pointed out the sentence 23 at page 6 needs a reference.
    - ✓ We are sorry for this kind of mistake. The reference has been included properly.
3. References and typesetting have been corrected

Thank you again for publishing the manuscript in *World journal of Translational Medicine*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anindya Roy Chowdhury'.

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