

Dear editor and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Faecal microbiota transplantation enhances efficacy of immune checkpoint inhibitors therapy against cancer" (ID: 65243). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked in red in the paper. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer's comments are as following:

### **Reviewer(s)' Comments to Author:**

#### **Reviewer #1:**

**Scientific Quality:** Grade A (Excellent)

**Language Quality:** Grade A (Priority publishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (High priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:** An original paper in an area that needs more research and data on this topic, hopefully clinical trials will provide answers. It is a well written manuscript, and contains the latest data in the field.

**Response:** Thank you very much for supporting my manuscript. The research work in this area is just beginning, and we have reviewed all animal and clinical studies published to date. We also discuss the direction of clinical research in the future. As you said, a lot of clinical studies in the future will provide the answer.

#### **Editorial office's comments**

**(1) Science editor:** 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a review of the faecal microbiota transplantation enhances efficacy of immune checkpoint inhibitors therapy against cancer. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade A; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The authors found a well witten manuscript, and it contains the latest data in the field. However, the manuscript needs more research and data on this topic, hopefully clinical trials will provide answers; and (3) Format: There

are 2 tables and 2 figures. (4) References: A total of 83 references are cited, including 11 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There are 2 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations that are closely related to the topic of the manuscript, and remove other improper self-citations. If the authors fail to address the critical issue of self-citation, the editing process of this manuscript will be terminated; (6) References recommend: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by peer reviewer(s), especially the references published by the peer reviewer(s) themselves. If the authors found the peer reviewer(s) request the authors to cite improper references published by themselves, please send the peer reviewer's ID number to the [editorialoffice@wjgnet.com](mailto:editorialoffice@wjgnet.com). The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately.

2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A. A language editing certificate issued by Boyi Translation Co.,Ltd was provided.

3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search.

4 Supplementary comments: This is an unsolicited manuscript. The study was supported by 4 grants. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG.

5 Issues raised: (1) The title is too long, and it should be no more than 18 words; (2) The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s); (3) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor; (4) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout; and (5) Please obtain permission for the use of picture(s). If an author of a submission is re-using a figure or figures published elsewhere, or that is copyrighted, the author must provide documentation that the previous publisher or copyright holder has given permission for the figure to be re-published; and correctly indicating the reference source and copyrights. For example, "Figure 1 Histopathological examination by hematoxylin-eosin staining (200 ×). A: Control group; B: Model group; C: Pioglitazone hydrochloride group; D: Chinese herbal medicine group. Citation: Yang JM, Sun Y, Wang M, Zhang XL, Zhang SJ, Gao YS, Chen L, Wu MY, Zhou L, Zhou YM, Wang Y,

Zheng FJ, Li YH. Regulatory effect of a Chinese herbal medicine formula on non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. World J Gastroenterol 2019; 25(34): 5105-5119. Copyright ©The Author(s) 2019. Published by Baishideng Publishing Group Inc[6]”. And please cite the reference source in the references list. If the author fails to properly cite the published or copyrighted picture(s) or table(s) as described above, he/she will be subject to withdrawal of the article from BPG publications and may even be held liable; and (6) The column should be minireviews. 6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

**(2) Company editor-in-chief:** I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office’s comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

**Response:** These suggestions are very good. We have carefully examined and corrected all the problems. Please see the content highlighted in red.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,

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