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Cover letter

Dear Dr Tom Rowles,

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Thanks for your kindness and patience.

The authors would like to thank reviewer and editors for careful review of our manuscript and providing us with their comments and suggestion to improve the quality of the manuscript. The following responses have been prepared to address all of the reviewer’s comments.

Reply to the evaluation by referee

1-1. Please report the numbers of excluded subjects by group

   Answer 1: We have described numbers of excluded subjects in both group (p11, line 10, 11).

1-2. Please revise the results more systematically.

   Answer 2: We have revised result parts (p12, line 6-12).

1-3. Abbreviations should be state with complete term at first (e.g., p7 AST, GGT, p11 BMI…) and remove complete term on the next time (e.g., p8. HBV, HCV, p16 AE…).
**Answer**: We have revised abbreviations (p7, line 7-9 (ALT, AST, GGT, TB) & line 14 (BMI); p8, line 7-8 (HBV and HCV) & p16, line 3 (AEs))

1-4. Please move the results of blind from methods part (p7, 20-22) to results part.

**Answer**: We have moved the results of blind from methods part to results part (p11, line 19-21).

1-5. P 10, line 3, ‘0’ should be removed, as it means baseline (it already mentioned.

**Answer**: We have removed week 0 (p10, line 1).

We appreciate the comments from the reviewer. Thank you for reviewing our manuscript.

Sincerely,

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