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Dear Sir,

You will find enclosed a modified version of the manuscript reference MS: 1982402604740638 entitled "The Capacity of Short-Chain Fructo-Oligosaccharides to Stimulate Faecal Bifidobacteria: A Dose-Response Relationship Study in Healthy Humans", with a separate point-by-point answer to the reviewer.

We hope that the manuscript will be now suitable for publication in your review.

Whatever your decision, I would like to thank you and the reviewer for the pertinent remarks, which have helped us to improve the manuscript.

Yours faithfully

Prof. Yoram Bouhnik

Point-by-point answer to the reviewer

1. Abstract and table 1: We gave the explanation why P value was not mentioned in the result for placebo group in the revised manuscript, and added a column to show that statistical analysis were performed on the bifidobacterial variations.

2. We added bifidobacteria values with mean +/- sem in the abstract.

3. Grammatical errors and doubtful phrases were reviewed by a native English speaker.

4. References are adapted for Nutritional Journal