Dear Editors,

The copy editing changes have been accepted. As for the specific queries they have been corrected as follows:

General: All gene names where appropriate are in italics.

Figures: Figure 1 has been altered to label panel 'e' bottom right 'Exons 9-13 and Exons 10-13. The x-axis on figure 4b has been changed to read CYP7a1. The x-axes on figure 8a,b,c labels are now in italics.

Background: The sentence in paragraph 2 starting ...They have diagnostically elevated plasma plant sterol levels... has been changed to read ...Sitosterolemic patients have diagnostically elevated... which now hopefully makes sense.

Methods, Quantitative RT-PCR: the sentence in question has been altered to read 'the triplicates.'

Methods, Immunohistochemical analysis: The sentence in question has been re-worded to make more sense.

Methods, Transfection and immunostaining of COS-1 cells: The sentence in question has been re-worded with punctuation added to make the sentence clearer.

Methods, Membrane protein preparations: The closing of the bracket should be after inhibitors which should read- (5 mM Tris-pH7.5, 250 mM sucrose with protease inhibitors).

Methods, Assay of HMG-CoA reductase and cholesterol 7a-hydroxylase enzyme activity: Ethanolic has been changed to ethanolic potassium hydroxide.

Results, Isolation of Abcg8/sterolin-2 deficient mice: The part about exons 4-13 and 9-13 etc has not been changed. It is correct as it appears in the text.

Discussion: Permission has been granted since the authors are inclusive in these unpublished works.

Abbreviations: LXR has been defined as liver X receptor and GC has been defined as gas chromatography.