

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Ya-Juan Ma, Science Editor:

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (File name: Edited Manuscript No 21391-October 27, 2015).

Title: Clinical and Molecular Features of Young-Onset Colorectal Cancer

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Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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

1 The format has been updated

2 Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(a) The title of the manuscript was changed to *Clinical and Molecular Features of Young-Onset Colorectal Cancer* to better reflect the main topic of the review.

(b) The abstract was modified. The use of “increasing and “incidence” was minimized.

(c) A summary was written to highlight the most important points of the manuscript.

(d) On page 11 and 12, the numbers for sporadic CRC are given as 12% for sporadic CRC with MSI (reference 27) and as 15% for sporadic CRC with somatic mutation in the BRAF gene at codon 600 (reference 1). To avoid confusion and avoid changing the content of the references, I added the word approximately before the 12% on page 11.

(e) Figures, fonts and lines were edited.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Veroushka Ballester'.

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