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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 26134-reviewed variant.doc).

Title: A systematic review of the old and new concepts in the epithelial-mesenchymal transition of colorectal cancer

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Reviewer's 1 opinion

This review is written well through the whole manuscript; however, there are minor concerns. 1. The authors should make a figure or table to explain the molecular pathways of EMT kindly. 2. In conclusion, "Drug resistance and possible drug-induced EMT and/or senescence are other aspects which could help in finding new therapeutic targets of CRC" is written. If they would like to describe it, they need to indicate more evidences regarding 'drug-induced EMT' in this review. 3. Some parts need spellcheck or word check: no unconvulsive (introduction) CRC cancer (METHODOLOGY) supresses (page, 11) inhibites (page, 11) therapy (page, 13) rhythm (page, 13) chemotherapy-induced (page, 13) staus (page, 14) supression (page, 15) supress (page, 15).

Authors' answers

1. Based on your valuable suggestion, Figure 5 was inserted.
2. To avoid confusions, we have removed this phrase.
3. The English correction was re-checked by SPI Professional. A language certificate was attached.

Reviewer's 2 opinion

This review is an excellent work with a high reference value, which provides not only classical theory summarization but also newest and deepest insight of EMT, and plays an important role as the guidelines of mechanism study, benefiting to peers in this field.

Authors' answers

Thank you for your positive answer.

Reviewer's 3 opinion

The manuscript under review aimed to provide an update of the mechanisms underlying epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition (EMT) and colorectal cancer (CRC), as the putative role of EMT in CRC therapy. This manuscript presents valuable information and is generally well-written, and could be accepted for publication after minor revision taking into consideration the following points: - The criteria for inclusion of studies are not exhaustively described in methodology. Also there is no mention to blinded or independent reviewers. - The independent inclusion of papers from the group in the systematic review should be better clarified, as well as the meaning of "personal publications", mentioned in Figure 1. - Please check carefully the use of English language, since some errors/ mistakes are present along the text ("unconclusive", "occurring", etc.) .

Authors' answers

1. A new paragraph was inserted in red in Methodology for a more detailed description. The blinded reviewers were also mentioned and the chart (Figure 1) was modified according to the PRISMA criteria and QUOROM statement.
2. The English correction was re-checked by SPI Professional. A language certificate was attached.

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

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