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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

Title: High frequency of CD34+CD38-/low immature leukemia cells is correlated with unfavorable prognosis in acute myeloid leukemia

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

1 Within CD34+ compartment we divided three subpopulations: CD34+CD38-, CD34+CD38lo, and CD34+CD38hi, based on intensity of CD38 expression. FMO (Fluorescence Minus One) was used for CD38-level, and hematogones populations for CD38hi level. The threshold of CD38 negativity was also based on Ig G isotype background in the first setup of panel, being able to discriminate between negative and positive signal. References were organized in the order of their appearance, and meaning of the numbers corrected. The abbreviation that was initially used was not repeated more times.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

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3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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

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