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Dear Editor,

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer and highlighted at yellow color in the revised manuscript

(1) The populations were provided in Table 2

(2) The typos have been corrected.

(3) In figure 2, TSA was defined as MSI-L or MSS instead of MSI-H as suggested

(4) Regarding the question raised about GCHP and *BRAF* mutation, *BRAF* mutations are more frequent than *KRAS* mutations in MVHP and SSA. On the other hand, in GCHP, *KRAS* mutations are likely the most important genetic alteration. Only one study, by Kim et al. showed higher frequencies of *BRAF* mutations than *KRAS* mutation in both MVHP and GCHP. We have stated it in the manuscript (page 9, lane 4). Sandmeier et al. have considered hyperplastic polyps as a whole and have not studied their subtypes separately.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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