

On behalf of all authors I thank the reviewers for their effort to review our article. Kindly find below the response to these comments:

Reviewer comment: *"Gastrointestinal (GI) cancers remain one of the most common malignancies and are the major cause of cancer deaths worldwide. miRNAs play an important role in modulating various biological processes. This review summarizes recent research supporting the utility of miRNAs as novel diagnostic/prognostic tools and therapeutic targets for GI cancers. I strongly recommend that the authors discuss the relationship between miRNAs and circRNAs in depth and the implications for guiding gastrointestinal tumors (ref. Circular RNAs: The star molecules in cancer. Molecular Aspects of Medicine, 31 October 2019, 70:141-152. DOI: 10.1016/j.mam.2019.10.006). "*

Answer to reviewer comment: The interaction between miRNAs and other non-coding RNAs including circulating RNAs is indeed very important in gastrointestinal tumors and the article suggested by the reviewer is very interesting. However, as stated in our manuscript the aim of our mini-review is to summarize the role of miRNAs as germline predisposing factors to cancer mainly familial GI cancers. But the article suggested by the reviewer focus mainly on the role of somatic non-coding RNAs in tumorigenesis and has not discussed their role as germline predisposing factors exp polymorphisms, germline mutations ... This is the reason why, to our opinion, the mentioned article could not be included in our mini-review.

Reviewer comment: *"A very clear and informative Minireview, that summarizes the current role of microRNAs in the predisposition to gastrointestinal malignancies. "*

Answer to reviewer comment: Thank you

Reviewer comment: *"This mini-review can provide readers the summerized information on the association between GI cancers and SNPs affecting the miRNA "pathway" genes. It has some scientific meanings, and can be considered for publication. "*

Answer to reviewer comment: Thank you

Editor comment: English language editing and **Language certificate**

Answer to editor's comment: Dr BAZ is a Swedish physician. English is the second official language in Sweden. The manuscript has been revised and edited by her.