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To the Editors of World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery

Dear Editors,

Thank you for the opportunity to reply to your comments about our manuscript submitted for publication in *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery* (titled “**Evaluation of prognostic factors and clinicopathological patterns of recurrence after curative surgery for colorectal cancer**”, manuscript number 60387). Your interest in this work is highly appreciated.

We will try to clarify all the issues raised in the emails dated December the 1st, as follows.

Reviewer#1

The authors are encouraged to carefully edit the paper for minor grammar errors.

R. We thank the Reviewer for the appreciation. A check for minor grammar errors and wrong sentences was performed throughout the documents and corrections were made by the Dr. Mascha Stroobant

Science Editor:

The authors should provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement.

R. The signed Conflict-of-interest Disclosure Form and the Copyright License Agreement form were provided.

The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor

R. A .ppt file with editable figures was provided

The separated tables should be combined in one table



R. A .doc file with the tables was provided. We decided to provide tables 4, 6 and 7 split into separated tables because they refer to different aspects of the evaluation (a-demographic, b-treatment, and c-pathological parameters) and to avoid a very long table that may result too hard to read. However, if strictly required, a unique table (for tab. 4, 6, and 7, respectively) could be further provided (with the related modifications within the text, eventually during the proofreading process).

The “Article Highlights” section is missing. Please add the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text.

R. The “Article Highlights” section was added, as requested.

All the modifications were highlighted in the text in yellow.

We are looking forward to receiving your comments about the revised manuscript.

Sincerely,

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On the behalf of all the Authors

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