

## Round 1

Thank you for reviewing the manuscript.

1. In the paragraph “According to the definitions of the two types of recurrence, a type 1 recurrence.....while a type 2 recurrence is more likely to have a synchronous metastasis pattern.”, the author has discussed how to differentiate two types of recurrences, even though most of the time, it is difficult to distinguish two types of recurrence.
2. In the last few paragraphs, the author has added some discussion as suggested about environmental, dietary, lifestyle factors and microbiome, immune system, carcinogenic mechanisms, which indicating a future direction on this theory.

## Round 2

Thanks to the reviewer's comment, which is of great value, I could make my theory more tenable. I added a figure to explain the differences between type-1 recurrence and type 2 recurrence. I think this figure would make the theory easier to be understood by readers and also this figure showed that sometimes it is difficult to differentiate two types of recurrence. The reviewer suggested that the manuscript could add some discussion about other factors about cancer recurrence, such as dietary / lifestyle factors, microbiome, immunity, and molecular tissue biomarkers, I prone to discuss them in my another manuscript, as this manuscript is an “Opinion Review”, which has words limitation.