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Dear Editor and reviewers,

We are thankful for the positive response on our manuscript and the comments raised which have improved the manuscript.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade C (A great deal of language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: The submission titled "Association of gene and protein expression and genetic polymorphism of CCL4 in patients with colorectal cancer" indicated that the cancer tissue levels of CCL4 and CCL4 gene polymorphism rs10491121, particularly in the right colon, are associated with clinical outcome in CRC patients. It is one interesting work, which should be accepted for publication in the journal, and however, the mRNA level of CCL4 in patients by real-time PCR assay and the protein level of it by WB assay should be provided in possible. In addition, the English level of the manuscript should be carefully edited.

Reply: Thank you for this positive review. The manuscript was sent a second time for correction by a professional English language editing company. Abbreviation is now spelled out in the different sub headings.

Data of protein and mRNA are provided in text and tables. The protein level was not investigated by WB, only by ELISA in order to quantify the expression to a standard curve and to obtain absolute numbers. We did not have the same patients for both mRNA and protein level and could therefore not perform correlation studies. We are collecting samples continuously and hope to be able to do such comparison in the future.

Reply to editors comments: Thank you for the positive response. The manuscript was sent a second time for correction by a professional English language editing company. The title was revised to be not more than 18-words. Original figures have now been uploaded. Article

highlights section is now added. We have obtained financial support to this study and have now uploaded approval documents of this.