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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 25743-Revised manuscript.doc).

Title: Treatment dilemmas of cetuximab combined with chemotherapy for metastatic colorectal cancer

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

To the specific comment: "The paper provides a detailed review regarding the treatment challenges of cetuximab combined with chemotherapy in the management of patients suffering from metastatic CRC. It is brief and well written. Existing treatment regimes are reviewed against current challenges. Text is free of flaws. Table and figure legends need attention. Table 1. OS and PFS should be the order in the table as they appear from left to right columns. Are Os and PFS expressed in years? Indeed yes, please indicate in the table legend: i.e., OS (yrs) and PFS (yrs). N stands for? Number of patients followed-up (N). What is phase? Clinical trial phase or patient management phase? Please define in legend. Figure 1. The Y-axis denotes progress in time. What are the names to this? Figure 2. Bar graphs width to be increased. Almost difficult to interpretate. Y-axis? Define and elaborate figure caption. Is this percentage survival or the average % of patients suffering from a certain side-effect?"

According to the comment, we have revised the Tables and Figure legends, [seeing page 23-25 in the revised manuscript and the revised figures](#). The OS and PFS have been ordered consistently between the table and table note. Both the OS and PFS are expressed in months, which are indicated in the table legend. Additionally, N stands for number of patients analyzed in the study, which has been added in the table note. And phase has been revised as Clinical trial phase. In terms of Figure 1, the Y-axis has been marked with time progression. Both Figure 2 and Figure 3 have been revised based on the suggestion, and figure "percentage of patients" has added as the title of Y-axis.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Qiu Li'.

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