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**Re: Manuscript No.39640: revision of manuscript**

Title: MicroRNAs in the prognosis and therapy of colorectal cancer: From bench to bedside

Jun 22, 2018

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your email dated Jun 11, 2018 and for enclosing the reviewer's comments. The reviewer's comments are very helpful for improving the manuscript. The manuscript has been duly revised accordingly. Changes in the manuscript are highlighted in red. Our responses to the Editor and Reviewer's comments are listed below. I sincerely hope that the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication in *World J Gastroenterol*.

Thank you for your attention and if you should require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

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### **Response to Editor's comments on the edited manuscript file**

Editor's comment:

Please provide language certificate letter by professional English language editing companies (Classification of manuscript language quality evaluation is B).

Response:

The revised manuscript has been edited thoroughly by highly qualified native English speaking editors at "American Journal Experts". An editorial certificate is submitted.

Editor's comment:

Please revise and perfect your manuscript according to peer-reviewers' comments.

Response:

The manuscript has been revised carefully according to the reviewers' comments. The revision is further edited by "American Journal Experts".

Editor's comment:

Add ORCID number

Response:

The ORCID number of the author is included.

Editor's comment:

You need to provide the grant application form(s) or certificate of funding agency for every grant, or we will delete the part of "Supported by..."

Response:

A grant approval letter is submitted.

Editor's comment:

Audio core tips: In order to attract readers to read your full-text article, we request that the author make an audio file describing your final core tip, it is necessary for final acceptance. Please refer to Instruction to authors on our websites or attached Format for detailed information.

Response:

An audio file is submitted for the audio core tips.

Editor's comment:

Please check and confirm that there are no repeated references!

Response:

The reference list has been checked thoroughly. There is no repeated reference.

Editor's comment:

Please provide the decomposable figure of Figures, whose parts are movable and editable. So please put the original picture as PPT so that we can edit them easily.

Response:

Figure 1 is now submitted as a PPT file.

## **Response to reviewers' comments**

Reviewer 1 (02441722):

Specific comments to authors:

Title: MicroRNAs in the prognosis and therapy of colorectal cancer: from bench to bedside. The authors indicated the current knowledge of miRNAs and their potential for therapeutic applications in the future. Recently, several reviews about miRNAs have been published. The some points of view in this review are different from the past reviews. This manuscript is very interesting. However, I feel there are some problems in this article.

Scientific quality: Grade D (Fair)

Language quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

**Response:**

Thank you for the positive comment from the reviewer. Since the reviewer did not mention specific problems in the manuscript, we have revised the manuscript very carefully and have the revision further edited by professional English editor.

Reviewer 2 (01557877):

Specific comments to authors:

Despite the fact, that the article is a review, on my opinion it must be shortened. Otherwise it provides thorough and up-to-date information about the topic.

Scientific quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

**Response:**

Thank you for the positive comment from the reviewer. The manuscript has been shortened substantially (it has been trimmed down by > 15%). The shortened sections are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript.

Reviewer 3 (02462725):

Specific comments to authors:

This is a comprehensive review regarding current knowledge of mi-RNAs associated with clinical aspects of CRC. The article was very well-written, but the field of mi-RNAs in association with clinical settings is still immature and therefore, the review would not help clinicians to visualize future perspective of mi-RNAs in association with clinical practice of CRC.

Scientific quality: Grade D (Fair)

Language quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Rejection

Response:

Thank you for the reviewer's comment. The application of microRNAs as biomarkers and therapeutic targets in cancer is rapidly expanding. The information and discussion in the manuscript will definitely draw more attention from the basic scientists and physicians alike for further investigation.