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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an important study on cell-cell fusion and tumor initiating cells. In Introduction, the mutation introduction and cell-cell fusion may be discussed more in detail. In “Cell fusion between colorectal cancer cells and stem cells”, how the fusion of intestinal epithelial cancer cells and macrophages from bone marrow-derived cells in vivo leads to nuclear reprogramming may be described more in detail. Proofreading is needed.