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### ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 23147-Revised manuscript.doc).

**Title:** ILK overexpression promote epithelial-mesenchymal transition via NF- $\kappa$ B signal

**Author:** Hong Shen, Jun-li Ma, Yan Zhang, Gan-lu Deng, Yan-lin-ling Qu, Xiao-ling Wu, Jing-xuan He, Sai Zhang, Shan Zeng

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This study investigated the effect of ILK in proliferation, metastasis and invasion of colorectal cancer cell line SW480. In this study, colorectal cancer cell line SW480 was stably transfected with ILK plasmids, and siRNA knockdown of NF- $\kappa$ Bp65 was used. Proliferation, metastasis and invasion ability were improved in the vector-ILK group, compared with the vector. The authors concluded that the ILK overexpression improved the proliferation, metastasis, and invasion ability of cell line SW480. Overall, this study is very well designed and the manuscript is well written. Some minor revisions needed.

1 Some minor spelling mistakes should be corrected.

They are corrected in the revised manuscript.

2 The title and running title in the manuscript seems mixed up, please check.

They have been corrected.

Sincerely yours,

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