

## **Response Letter**

The authors gratefully acknowledge the helpful comments and suggestions made by all reviewers.

We revised the manuscript according to reviewers' advice and the following revisions have been made.

**Reviewer 00742507:** No revisions demanded.

**Reviewer 02682232:** This is good but you need have material collection method and experimental lab and Analyzing significant OR: have a good collection by Meta-analysis.

**Response:** Our work is a narrative review. So we composed our manuscript based on that guideline. At moment very limited randomized studies are available for meta-analysis. We will consider it in the future.

**Reviewer 02683307:** No revisions demanded

**Reviewer 03001454:** These discussions are largely not in-depth, and there is hardly any new insight we could see in the authors' understanding about apoptosis and related consideration in the cancer therapy.

**Response:** We searched all the recent advancements in this topic using all online searching data bases. However, data regarding role of apoptosis in colorectal cancer are very rare. We tried to collect all the available evidences and organize it for further researches and considerations.

In addition, in terms of the detail of this review, there are quite a few mistakes of grammar and sentence structures.

**Response:** Grammar and sentence structures mistakes were corrected by authors and native speakers.

## Comments from Editor-in-chief

### 1. Submission format

Corrections: largely modified according to the submission guideline of the journal and the format provided.

Accordingly:

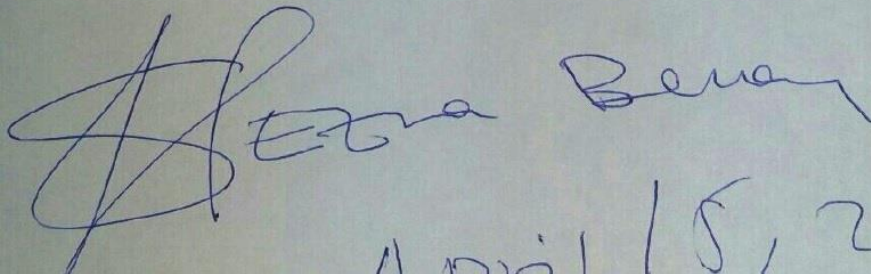
- the format for authors and address were changed;
- author contribution was included
- detail address for correspondence was added
- conflict –of –interest statement was included
- text and audio core tips were added

### 2. reference style

Correction: all reference styles was changed in to recommended format; superscript in square bracket

### 3. PMID and DOI

Correction: now we added PMID and DIO for 87 of our references. Only three of references did not have PMID and DIO. We provided the abstracts of these three references that do not have PMID and DIO.

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