

Dear Editor Gong,

We would like to thank the editor and reviewers for their insightful comments that enable us to improve our manuscript. We have replied to the reviewers' comments point by point, the responses are attached below. The paper has also been revised according to the requirements requested by the editorial office. The changes and additions are marked in red color in the revised manuscript. We hope these revisions will make our manuscript acceptable for the publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Best regards,

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Point-by-point responses to the comments:

Comment 1:

This is a timely review on drug resistance in colon cancer. This topic was covered quite nicely, and therapeutic strategies were discussed in great detail.

Response: Thank you for the comments.

Comment 2:

Abstract is too long, and needs to be condensed significantly.

Response: We agree with the reviewer. The abstract was revised according to the guidelines of the journal (no less than 200 words).

Comment 3:

A figure on non-transport-based mechanisms would be very useful to the reader.

Response: Thank you for this suggestion. In Figure 2, we included both overexpression of ABC transporters and evasion of apoptosis, the representative of transport based and non-transport based cellular mechanisms of drug resistance, respectively.

Comment 4:

Typos and grammatical errors should be corrected.

Response: The errors were checked and corrected throughout the manuscript.