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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format ( 34111- revised manuscript).

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 34111

**Invited manuscript ID:** 00068485

**Title:** Role of tissue microenvironment resident adipocytes in colon cancer

**Authors:** Maria Tabuso, Shervanthi Homer-Vanniasinkam, Raghu Adya, Ramesh P Arasaradnam

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

We thank you and the reviewers for your kind comments. All the edits according to the reviewers comments are reported in blue within the text.

We hope the manuscript meets your standards for publication in “World Journal of Gastroenterology”.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely Yours,

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**Reviewer 1. ID 02444931**

No comments to Authors.

*Answer: Thank you for your kind revision.*

**Reviewer 2. ID 02569164**

Comments to Authors: This is a good editorial which address up to date issue.

Minor comments:

1- Introduction page 4 . Note that Microsatellite instability and chromosomal instability cannot be included under epigenetics.

*Answer 1. We have modified the sentence as correctly suggested.*

2- Page 4: The paragraph starting with "Cancer cells are embedded in a local stromal.." need to be clarified and re-written.

*Answer 2. The paragraph starting with "Cancer cells are embedded in a local stromal..." has been clarified and re-written as appropriately suggested.*

3- Need to specify which Adipo receptor when you mention: increased Adipo-R is it 1 or 2 or both?

*Answer 3. We have specified both Adipo R1 and Adipor2 receptors as properly suggested.*

*Thank you for your revision and suggestions.*

**Reviewer 3. ID 00051081**

Comments to Authors: The authors present a compact editorial on the role of local adipocytes for tumor formation and progression. The manuscript and auxiliary material are informative and explains the aim of the authors.

*Answer: Thank you for your kind comment.*

**Science Editor:**

- a) Document in Word format has been provided
- b) Abstract has been extended to 200 words
- c) Core tip has been included
- d) A sentence with reference has been added in the first paragraph of introduction "Moreover the importance of 'field cancerisation' has been

highlighted in terms of cancer development in the macroscopically normal colon<sup>[3]</sup>.

- e) Audio core tip has been provided
- f) All authors abbreviation names and manuscript title have been inserted.
- g) References have been checked and no repeated references have been identified.
- h) Original pictures as ppt have been provided.