

We thank the Editor and Reviewers for their input of our review article for the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology. Our responses are below.

Reviewer #1.

*There is highlighted text in manuscript? References are more than enough.*

We thank this reviewer for their high scores for our manuscript. We could not identify any highlighted text in the original manuscript to do any changes. We thank the reviewer for the comments on the references which we put effort into to highlight this emerging field.

Reviewer #2.

*This manuscript coded 36858 is a type of review. In this manuscript, the authors demonstrate the mechanisms and significance of inflammatory-associated microsatellite alterations (mainly non-MSI-H), and propose some areas to deeply explore the consequences and prevention of inflammation's effect upon the DNA MMR system. It is important for not only clinical but also basic aspects of MSI-L/EMAST in colorectal cancers., therefore worth publishing to obtain more attention for this academic field.*

We thank this reviewer for their high scores for our manuscript. We also thank the comments regarding the importance of the manuscript.

Reviewer #3.

*This is a well-written research update by Dr. John Carethers group on the mechanisms and significance of inflammatory-associated microsatellite alterations in colorectal cancers. The article also raised 3 provocative questions that would lead to further significant studies in the field. The information provided here by the authors is not only highly significant to a wide range of investigators/specialists in the fields of colorectal cancers, but also is very interesting to many non-specialists in general. The references are up-do-date and comprehensive. I recommend it to be accepted for high priority publication.*

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Editor's changes to the manuscript.

1. We have added the postal zip code to the address.
2. We have modified the Disclosure as per the format example.
3. We have modified the grant support statement and attach verification of the grants.
4. We have written the Core Tip as instructed.
5. We have provided an audio core tip as instructed.
6. We have changed the references to squared brackets and supershift.
7. We have corrected the duplicate references of #52 and #33.