Below, please find the reviewers' comments, followed by our responses. Exact changes in the manuscript are presented with tracked changes.

Reviewer #1:

1. in title, use the full name and not the abbreviation (mSEPT9).

Answers: Thank you for your advice. We have added the full name in the title (Page 1 line 5-6).

2. Explain the statement that the diagnostic and prognostic role of mSEPT9 in Chinese patients is unknown. If the authors expect that the test will give different results based on regional or ethnic differences, they need to discuss this theory.

Answers: Thank you for your advice. We have discussed the regional or ethnic differences, on Page 11 line 307-310.

Reviewer #2:

The aim of this study is obvious to clear out a significance of mSEPT9 in Chinese colorectal cancer patients and method and results is composite style and persuasive. The significance of mSEPT9 in advanced CRC has been confirmed in previous studies. And this study followed and got consistent results with other studies. This study was performed with a large amount of prognostic features and number of patients, however, much longer prognosis and follow-up time is necessary before final conclusion and much more patients with earlier stage of CRC is demanding to widening the clinical importance of predictive value of prognosis.

Answers: Thank you for your advice. We were limited by the clinical data but will follow up over a longer period and recruit more patients in our future study. We have also added reviewers' opinions in the discussion (Page 12 line 314-318).