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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 494-revision.doc).

Title: Cancer detection by ubiquitin carboxyl-terminal esterase L1 methylation in pancreatobiliary fluids

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Following the reviewer's suggestion, the conclusion segment in the abstract has been reworded.

2 Correlations between the level of LINE-1 methylation and methylation of other repetitive sequences have been described in the introduction and discussion (Page 6 and 10).

3 Demographic details of the subjects (age, sex and stage of the disease) have been provided in the table 1 and 2.

4 The data, comparative index of methylation levels of UCHL1 and RUNX3, have been presented in form of histograms in figure 3.

5 Necessity of further analysis to clarify the possible detrimental effects of methylated DNA in pancreatobiliary fluids has been discussed (Page 12).

Also, the manuscript has been improved according to the editor's suggestions.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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