

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5723-edited (revision).docx).

**Title:** Lymph node staging in colorectal cancer: old controversies and recent advances

**Author:** Annika Resch, Cord Langner

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

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 5723

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers (and the editorial office):

1 Format has been updated (and a “core tip” provided).

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

**Review by 00185686**

*“This review about lymph node staging in colorectal cancer is very well done. It is easy to read and very comprehensive. New techniques of lymph node analysis are well explained. Remaining questions about accuracy of micrometastases or isolated tumor cell research are well explained!!”*

Answer: No changes necessary

**Review by 00477066**

*“This is an interesting and well-written review about the lymph node staging in colorectal cancer. However, it should be presented in the form of a systematic review. All most relevant studies on this issue have to be included. The authors should specify the search strategy and the selection criteria.”*

Answer: The presented review deals with “all most relevant studies” in the different topics. The search strategy was added at the end of the introduction.

**Review by 00505507**

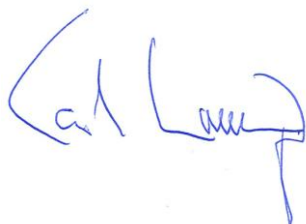
*“On the lymph node staging in colorectal cancer, the present review not only introduces the old controversies and recent advances but also contributes to good understanding for the readers of this journal.”*

Answer: No changes necessary

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cord Langner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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