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Dear Dr. Ma:

On behalf of the authors, I am grateful for your letter and the comments regarding our manuscript (ESPS Ms NO: 5867, entitled ‘Clinicopathological utility of sialoglycoconjugates in diagnosing and treating colorectal cancer’) submitted to *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. We revised our manuscript in accordance with the comments of editors. The uploaded documents are revised manuscript (including table and figures), individual files of figures and point-by-point reply files. In revised manuscript, we made the changes appear underlined.

Here below are our responses to the editor’s comments. I would appreciate considering our revisions.

Sincerely yours

Wei Tang

**Editor's comments:**

**Editor's comment 1:** Please provide the author contributions. Authors must indicate their specific contributions to the published work. This information will be published as a footnote to the paper. See the format in the attachment file-revision policies.

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**Authors' answer:** The authors have added the sentences of author contributions at the end of top page. The added sentences are as follows;

Author contributions: Inagaki Y drafted the manuscript; Gao J and Song P did literature search and contributed to critical revision of intellectual content; Kokudo N, Nakata M and Tang W revised the manuscript and provided important suggestions; all authors reviewed and approved the final revised version.

In addition, the authors have added the sentences of core tip next to abstract and key words. The added sentences are as follows;

Core tips: Many types of cancer-associated sialoglycoconjugates are produced during oncogenesis or in various stages of malignant transformation. Aberrant expression of sialoglycoconjugates has been evaluated in many histochemical and molecular biological studies. An overview of the current knowledge is crucial to understand its clinicopathological utility in diagnosing and treating colorectal cancer. The biological significance of sialoglycoconjugates in the progression of cancer is also discussed. This review may contribute to expanding the use of cancer-associated sialoglycoconjugates in cancer diagnosis and therapy.

**Editor's comment 2:** Tables should be as **excel** format so that I can edit them easily.

**Authors' answer:** The authors have changed the format of table1 to the excel format.

**Editor's comment 3:** The coordinate graphs supplied should be **decomposable** (each part of your figure could be moved so as to easily edited). You can send it as excel, word or powerpoint format so that I can edit them easily.

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