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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7135-review.doc).

**Title:** The p38 $\alpha$  MAPK pathway: a key factor in colorectal cancer therapy and chemoresistance

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer #1

(1) "general facts about CRC was mentioned too much" - In introduction, parts that are unrelated with the topic have been eliminated.

(2) Abbreviations and their full names were updated.

(3) "Is there any data about the relationship between cancer stem cells and p38 MAPK pathway" - We have added a paragraph and related 3 references (160-162) regarding the reviewer's comment.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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