

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

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

1 Format has been updated

YES

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

(1) About the 00182548 reviewer suggestions: He raised that we should point out that this is a pilot study with the limits related to this fact. According to his questions, in the last paragraph of our article, we present that our studies is a pilot study in CRC of lymph node metastasis and clinical research samples may be lack. Therefore, further studies are needed to have more clinical samples and determine whether these lncRNAs can serve as new diagnostic biomarkers and therapeutic targets of lymph nodes metastasis of CRC. The few grammatical mistakes have been corrected. References and typesetting were corrected. Please check it. Thank you for your comments, and we will take note in future studies. Thank you very much again.

(2) About the 00343118 reviewer suggestions: He suggest to better emphasised the limit of the observational and preliminary data of the study. We aware of this issue. According to his comments In the last paragraph of our article, we have revised that further studies are needed to expand the sample size for clinical research. And determine whether these lncRNAs can serve as new diagnostic biomarkers and therapeutic targets of lymph nodes metastasis of CRC. About the lymph nodes metastasis term, we find that in some literatures also use this word. But we will continue reading literatures. If hBut thank you very much for your suggestions, and we will take note in future studies.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

YES

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

Sincerely yours,

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