

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7753-review.doc).

Title: EARLY-ONSET COLORECTAL CANCER: A SPORADIC OR INHERITED DISEASE?

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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) Reviewer 00910039:

"Please use a unique citation technique": Done

"Table 1 is not mentioned within the manuscript text - please add a link": Done

"Reference 101 has been published as a full paper in the meanwhile. Please revise this citation": Done

"Maybe the authors would also like to include the two recent seminar NEJM papers on CRC screening within the introduction section": The two references suggested by the Reviewer are very interesting and they have been added to the review.

(2) Reviewer 02451447:

We performed minor revisions according to the requests of this and the other Reviewers.

(3) Reviewer 02451426: We thank the Reviewer for the positive scores.

(4) Reviewer 02441722:

"Each theme is very interesting, however some themes, such as "early-onset CRC and "The pathogenesis of early-onset CRC" are slightly rambling talk. The author should change these parts more compact and brief for easy understanding": As suggested by the Reviewer these parts have been extensively revised to improve understanding. As to "the pathogenesis of early-onset CRC", a table has been added to the manuscript (Table 2).

"Title should be changed to Early-onset Colorectal cancer: A sporadic or inherited disease?": Done

"A list of genetic changes in early-onset CRC should be indicated as a table": Done (Table 2)

(5) Reviewer 01333314:

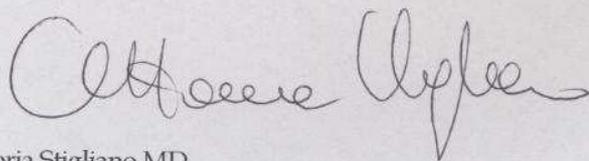
"The concept of early-onset should be better established, because in all the text <40 years and <50 years are used to identify the same group.....I suggest to identify early-onset for those under 50 years": This is a very interesting point: there is no homogeneity in patient selection criteria in the reported studies. For this reason a specific sentence has been added in the conclusions.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

4 Classification of manuscript language quality evaluation was B. Therefore it has been revised by a native English-speaking editor, specifically appointed for language editing at our Institution.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Vittoria Stigliano'.

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