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Dear Editor,

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Title: Could JC virus provoke metastasis in colon cancer?

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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) We described, in the section “Patients and Methods – Study population”, that the material analyzed for JCV came from the primary colonic tumoral tissue and from the hepatic metastatic tissue, and not from the normal colonic surrounding mucosa or from the normal parenchyma

(2) The cohort of control subject was simply chosen to assess the prevalence of JC virus in the liver of patients without known primary colorectal cancer, in the same geographic area

(3) We indicated, in the discussion, that the difference of the presence of JCV between the primary colorectal tumor and the normal surrounding colonic mucosa was not determined, and that this represents a limitation of our study; However, we did not perform it because the primary aim of our study, as highlighted in the title, was simply to assess the presence of JC virus in the hepatic metastasis of colorectal cancer

(4) We indicated, in the discussion, that we did not mention the level of viral expression in the analyzed tissue, and that this represents a limitation of our study; However, we did not perform it because the primary aim of our study, as highlighted in the title, was simply to assess the presence of JC virus in the hepatic metastasis of colorectal cancer

(5) The discussion was abbreviated by omitting some of the informations on the role for JCV-mediated carcinogenesis in animal model, as requested

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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