

Thank you for your valuable feedback. We acknowledge the reviewer's comments and have carefully considered them. As per their suggestion, we have decided to include an introductory section in the manuscript that discusses the current methods used for colorectal cancer screening. This addition will enhance the overall clarity and comprehensiveness of our paper. The added content is shown below:

“In recent decades, the medical field has implemented several levels of colorectal cancer screening tests, encompassing fecal tests, endoscopic examinations, radiological examinations and blood tests.<sup>[1]</sup>”

**1** Maida M, Macaluso FS, Ianiro G, Mangiola F, Sinagra E, Hold G, Maida C, Cammarota G, Gasbarrini A, Scarpulla G. Screening of colorectal cancer: present and future. *Expert Rev Anticancer Ther* 2017; **17**: 1131–1146. [PMID: 29022408 DOI: 10.1080/14737140.2017.1392243]