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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10564-review.doc).

Title: Diagnostic value of interleukin-8 in colorectal cancer: a case-control study and meta-analysis

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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

We added a table showing the pooled results of sensitivity, specificity, positive LR, negative LR, diagnostic OR and heterogeneity for all studies, all studies without the 2 studies of Bunker, Asia subgroup, and Europe subgroup, as shown in Table 2.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

We have added PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation to the reference list and list all authors. However, there are still 3 references (ref 31, 32 and 35) we could not find the DOI citation from the provided website (<http://www.crossref.org/SimpleTextQuery/>).

31 Rubie C, Frick VO, Pfeil S, Wagner M, Kollmar O, Kopp B, Graber S, Rau BM, Schilling MK. Correlation of IL-8 with induction, progression and metastatic potential of colorectal cancer. *World journal of gastroenterology* : WJG 2007; 13(37): 4996-5002 [PMID: 17854143]

32 Galfy G, Mohammed KA, Dowling PA, Nasreen N, Ward MJ, Antony VB. Interleukin 8: an autocrine growth factor for malignant mesothelioma. *Cancer research* 1999; 59(2): 367-371 [PMID: 9927048]

35 Rollins BJ. Chemokines. *Blood* 1997; 90(3): 909-928 [PMID: 9242519]

4 In the revision policies of BPG for meta-analysis, the No. 22 Copyright Transfer Letter: All the authors should sign the Copyright Assignment. Co-first author and Corresponding author are not accepted. However, in this study, we also conducted an original study to further support our conclusion. Dr. Wen-Jun Jin and Dr. Jin-Ming Xu have been responsible for meta-analysis and original study, respectively. Therefore we arrange both of them to be co-first authors.

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

Sincerely yours,



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