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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper by Zheng Y. et al. reports on the biological and clinical significance of miR-132 in colorectal cancer, adding some information on a possible target of that microRNA. The results of the study are interesting and innovative. Some points should be raised on the presentation and readability, which should be improved. The ethics of the research are satisfied. The sample size of the study is large enough. The methods used are updated and well described, Statistics are appropriate. The major drawback is the English language and the presentation of data, which are not always clear and adequate, lowering the impact of the message. The text should be thoroughly reviewed and errors corrected (i.e., pg 2, introduction, line 2: “Despite” should be deleted”; legend of Figure 5: con-tansfection? [co-transfection], and so on). Table 1 should be changed: I would suggest to put percentages in rows and not in columns. The authors should also give in the text or in the table the median level of miR-132 expression used as the cut-off to discriminate between low and high miR-132 expression.