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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper is heavily written and requires major improvement. First of all, not all miRNAs linked to CRC are described and the statement after each class (subclass) of miRs lacks any recommendations. I strongly suggest to place all mentioned miRNAs in a Table and define not only the references and some obvious facts (increased or decreased levels) but also give them a score of reliability - what can (should) be use as a prognostic marker. It is otherwise hard, especially for the clinicians, to figure out what they can rely on. Carefully proofread the manuscript. There are very many typos, misspellings and bad written sentences which makes this paper very hard to read. In particular (although not all) I found the following errors to correct: Page 1 "and more data suggest"; "ploYps" should be polyyps; "X-ray test could bring about harmful radiation and isn't sensitive..." - rephrase and avoid any constructions to comply with scientific style; page 3 - "taken together, current methodologies .." - what about oncomarkers currently used for CRC diagnoses? page 3, 1st para "More, some...." can not write like this also - rephrase the last sentence Page 3, 1 sentence, 2d para - give the appropriate reference; space between CRC.Mir-21 decypher abbreviation for RECK Page 4 again, "ploYps will progress..." should be polyyps; "to become to invasive" - > become too



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invasive; again! "ploYps, and is" should be polyps; CRC.MiR-21- spacing; the acronym FFPE stands for Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin-Embedded; qRT-PCR abbreviation already mentioned earlier; what is PDCD4?; in the next sentence pcd4 is not capitalized - what is right? Page 5 the end of the first para should be rewritten the one before the last sentence, para 2 should be "has been made" para 3 "what's more,.. " can not use constructions like that; Page 6 again... polypS; Page 7 qRT-PCR was already abbreviated oin page 4; "serum miR-29a" - please explain; Page 8 "with stage II disease,..." - rephrase; last sentence, 1st para DFS was already abbreviated on page 5; loci.MiR-29b - spacing ; Page 9 NOTCH1 and Notch - what is correct? Page 12 - what is HV? ccRCC - is it a right abbreviation? Page 14 BIC gene - please explain; page 15 CEA - decipher; Page 18 "miRNAs are both introduced, since..." re-write the sentence.



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This is a well-written review article on miRNAs in CRC. If possible, the accuracy rate of miRNAs in diagnosing early CRCs might as well be described ( of course, if possible to date).