

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5923-reviewed-edited.doc).

**Title:** Colorectal cancer: from prevention to personalized medicine

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the editor and reviewers. We greatly appreciate the very helpful suggestions for improvement.

1 Format has been updated arranging the authors' affiliations and adding the professional title of the corresponding author.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers. The authors have revised the manuscript extensively and in the following paragraphs, we describe how we addressed the reviewer's comments and questions. Changes to the text in response to reviewer's comments are highlighted in yellow.

### REVIEWER 1

(1) The authors consider that summarize the treatment in a table is very difficult because of the multiple choices available. Nevertheless a table of treatment has been added (Table 7). If the editor or reviewers do not like the table, it can be removed.

(2) As the reviewer states, we have not explained the methodology used to select the studies that have been discussed in the manuscript. The aim of this manuscript is not a systematic review but a review of the literature and consequently the article does claim to be a comprehensive review of the literature. Certainly, there is a degree of subjectivity in the selected articles however it is the aim of this type of manuscripts.

(3) In the manuscript it is commented several times, that the population accepts the fecal occult blood test better than sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy. However, we have added a paragraph with a little more information.

(4) As reviewer 1 suggests, the study recently published in *Radiology* by von Wagner et al., has been commented and referenced.

(5) At the end of the manuscript, in the conclusion section, comments related to treatment have been added.

(6) The authors consider that it is not necessary a Table with abbreviations. Although almost all of the genes abbreviations have a meaning, it is not usual to define each. In none of the many review articles we have looked at, the genes abbreviations are explained. All other abbreviations in the manuscript are explained at the time cited for the first time as usual, and most of them are used only in the same paragraph that the abbreviation has been cited. We have incorporated some that were not cited.

(7) Spelling mistakes have been detected and corrected.

(8) An explanation has been added at the foot in Figure 1.

#### REVIEWER 2

(9) Although there is no specific section of future perspectives, as the reviewer suggests, we believe that some related aspects are mentioned in each section. At the end of the "Explorations to visualize the large intestine" section, other techniques that could be effective in a few years are discussed. In the biomarkers section genes that have been recently studied and other still in evaluating process are detailed and the same with the new available treatments. Moreover, the conclusion reflects, in summary, what is expected in the future.

In our opinion, to include a new section would duplicate information already existing in the manuscript and also lengthen the article (which has been criticized by other reviewers).

#### REVIEWER 3

There are not comments of modifications of the manuscript.

3 Although any reviewer has made comments about references, we have revised all them and we have added the name of the first author typed in bold-faced.

4 English has been reviewed. The manuscript has been sent to an English language editing company and a Certificate has been provided.

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