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Date: July 13, 2021

To,

The Editor-in-chief

World Journal of Clinical Oncology (WJCO),

Dear Drs Patel and Safe,

Please find attached herewith our revised manuscript titled "Detection of Circulating tumour cells (CTCs) in colorectal cancer: Emerging techniques and its clinical implications." for publication in World Journal of Clinical Oncology (WJCO). At the outmost, we are thankful to you and the editorial board members for giving us an opportunity to revise the paper. We are also grateful to the reviewers for critically reviewing our paper and giving us suggestions, which has significantly improved the manuscript. We have addressed most of the concerns of the editors/reviewer and corrected/modified the manuscript accordingly. Changes made have been highlighted in the text with red colour font.

We believe that the revised manuscript is much more improved and is suitable for publication in World Journal of Clinical Oncology (WJCO).

Thanking you,

Kind regards

(Ashok Kumar)

Note: We have added one new co-author who helped in language polishing and editing.

Response to the reviewers comments

July 13, 2021

To
The Editor WJCO

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your mail and sending us the editors and the reviewer's valuable comments and feedback on our review article entitled "**Detection of circulating tumour cells (CTCs) in colorectal cancer: Emerging techniques and its clinical implications**" (manuscript-id: 66663)

The manuscript has been revised according to reviewer suggestions/ comments and the changes made have been highlighted in red.

Point by point, reply to the reviewers comments are as follows:

Reviewer's comments

Comment 1: The paragraph "Circulating tumour cells and their clinical applications in colorectal cancer" should be improved.

i) Paragraph: Circulating tumour cells and their clinical applications in colorectal cancer,...please, change katsumo to Katsumo.

Reply: The Spelling of katsumo has been changed to **Katsumo** in revised text.

ii) A reference was not included in the list of references: "Hendricks (2020) doi:10.3390/cancers12092643]

Reply: We have included the left reference from above author in references list(Ref 44)

iii) Please, precise that the paper of Misale et al. is based on circulating DNA and not CTCs: "Paragraph: Circulating tumour cells and their clinical applications in colorectal cancer

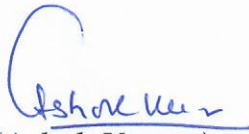
Reply:The text from the above study and the reference have been deleted from revised manuscript.

Comment 2:Editing of Tables should be improved.

Reply:Tables has been formatted in the revised manuscript.

Comment 3: The list of references should include others papers on the topic.

Reply: The text from the suggested 2 new references have been incorporated in the manuscript (Ref 47 and Ref 48).


(Ashok Kumar)