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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript is about a very interesting and timely subject. The only criticism I make is the English language, which should be improved throughout the paper.

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This is a review with a lot of information on lncRNAs as it pertains to metastasis in GI cancers. Unfortunately the manuscript is somewhat disorganized and lacks clarity in several occasions. In some instances one only suspects what the authors mean if he is familiar with the context of the phrase. -The best illustration of lack of organization is the table provided, which is very comprehensive (8 pages) but lacks any attempt to categorize and digest the information for the reader. I suggest that the authors re-organize the table according to individual lncRNAs and according to different sites of cancers. In the gene locus column the chromosome and arm location should be added in all occasions instead of the actual number of nucleotides and wherever known the gene where the lncRNA is located (e.g. IGF2 for H19) should be added for completeness. In the size column both nt number and MW should be presented for every lncRNA when known. If not known this should be clearly stated. -In the discussion on pathways and EMT, authors should attempt to analyze the information instead of just mention the title of the study they review. -There is a lot of redundant information repeated in the article. For example the HOTAIR and Wnt connection at the



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second paragraph of page 17 is repeated in the 1st paragraph of page 21 and towards the end of page 23. Similarly the HOTAIR – PRC2 connection is mentioned in page 19, paragraph 2 and again in the end of page 20. Authors should review and re-write. - An important issue to be emphasized is the distinction between lncRNAs promoting metastases versus antimetastatic and the fact that the same lncRNA may have both actions depending on the specific pathway that they regulate in various occasions. Authors should include a section on this subject with examples. - Overall this review needs major re-organization of the significant amount of data it presents as well as major language editing.

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Major points 1. This manuscript is too long for readers. I suggest that authors need to summarize succinctly. 2. Authors showed a plenty of results from references. Not only readers, also reduce the pages of the journal, I suggest that authors need to reduce the number of cited references. 3. Authors introduce a plenty of results from cited references in this manuscript, but it is not clear the importance of lnc RNA on gastroenterological area. I suggest that authors need to describe the speculations from cited reference. Minor point There are some spelling and spacing mistakes in this manuscript.