

July 30, 2013

Dear Prof. Jin-Lei Wang,

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript (**Clinical and histopathological correlations of faecal calprotectin release in colorectal carcinoma**) and for the comments of the referee. The comments have helped to clarify the presentation of our data.

We would like to answer the comments of the reviewer as follows:

1. We agree, that it would be very interesting to examine the correlation of calprotectin release with additional variables such as ESR, plasma CRP, blood platelets, LDH and patients outcomes data. However, these analyses were beyond the scope of this paper. This point has been included in the Discussion.

2. The data have been additionally analyzed according to the Dukes' classification. However, no difference was found between Dukes' B (n=39) and Dukes' C (n=29) stages (p=0.132). This point has been included in the Methods, Results and Discussion.

3. Duke's has been replaced by Dukes'.

4. Parameters has been replaced by variables.

We have sent the copyright form to all authors.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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