

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5853-Review.doc).

Title: Molecular biomarkers for the detection of metastatic colorectal cancer cells

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer (00112237)

(1) We added a paragraph about the importance of stem cell in CRC patients on p.16, l.12.

Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer (00069881)

(1) We deleted a word "early" from our title.

(2) In this review, we defined molecular detection techniques using not only PCR but immunohistochemistry (p.4, l.15). In the other review (Rahbari et al J Clin Oncol 2012), the molecular detection techniques are also defined as immunohistochemistry and PCR.

(3) We re-organized our review according to the suggestion of the reviewer.

Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer (00504731)

(1) We included the paragraph how to translate some promising biomarkers to clinical applications on the part of discussion. (p.14, l.8)

(2) We referred to the discussion on recent publications on this topic in our revised paper.

Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer (00068364)

(1) According to the suggestions, we rewrote the part of introduction, discussion and conclusion.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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