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Dear Editor,

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Title: A rare combination of familial adenomatous polyposis and gallbladder polyps

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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

(1) The photos of Figure 3 have been replaced into more high quality pictures.

(2) Because a germline mutation of APC gene is inherited in one of the two alleles in FAP patients, the APC protein should be still produced from one wild-type allele and therefore weakly positive in non-neoplastic mucosa of all organs. In colonic and gallbladder polyps, however, both alleles are inactivated by two hit theory and the APC protein may be lost in these neoplasms.

Therefore, we believe that APC protein in this FAP patient is lost in the resected colonic and gallbladder polyps whereas the protein is weakly positive in the corresponding non-neoplastic mucosae.

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

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