

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5741-review.doc).

Title: Targeting cell death signaling in colorectal cancer - Current strategies and future perspectives

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

1 Author contributions are now provided on the first page as suggested by the editor. The corresponding author is indicated on the first page and institution and detailed address are provided.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) *The authors need give more background information about necroptosis and signaling pathways such as RIPK1 and RIPK3*

We are grateful for this important comment by reviewer 00289609. We have now provided more background about necroptosis signaling and RIPK1/RIPK3 in the necroptosis section of the revised manuscript according to the reviewer's suggestion.

- (2) *One more section is added to discuss switch/crosstalk among cell death signaling pathways and therapeutic potential of targeting multi-death signaling pathways in cancer treatment.*

We have added an additional section dealing with crosstalk between cell death signaling networks. Furthermore, possible multi cell death targeting approaches for colorectal cancer treatment are discussed in this new section of the revised manuscript.

- (3) *On page 9, line 7, "is" should be "its" (anti-EGFR antibody cetuximab exerts its antitumor effect).*

The typing error mentioned above has now been corrected as the reviewer suggested.

3 The figure provided (figure 1) has been designed with ADOBE Illustrator® and is decomposable in its presented form. This file cannot be converted into a Microsoft office document as suggested by the editor. We could provide the original file as a single document should the editor wants us to do so.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Schulze-Bergkamen', written in a cursive style.

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