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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16234-revision.doc).

Title: Sex- and gender-specific disparities in colorectal cancer risk

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

1. Format has been updated according to the editor's suggestions.

- (1) 'Author contributions' and 'Conflict-of-interest' have been added (pages 1-2).
- (2) 'Core tip' has been added and its audio file has been provided (page 5).
- (3) All authors abbreviation names and manuscript title have been provided (page 5).
- (4) For those references that have not been indexed by PubMed (references 1, 37, 38), a printed copy of the first page(s) of the full reference has been submitted as a pdf format.
- (5) The original picture of Figure 1 as a ppt format has been submitted to get it edited.

2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer (03089133)

(1) Suggestion 1: This review needs to be strengthened with the association between estrogen/soy and colorectal cancer risk in the sections of biological and dietary differences between genders. Answer: As suggested, we have added two paragraphs incorporating these points in the revised sections to address the effects of estrogen and soy on colorectal cancer risk (pages 8-9 and page 13). Also, additional abbreviations in the new paragraph have been added (page 3).

(2) Suggestion 2: Minor language polishing is suggested.

Answer: Our manuscript has been edited by an editing company prior to submission and the editorial certificate has been submitted. We have also double-checked punctuation and grammar after revision.

3. The corresponding author has been modified from Mi-Kyung Sung and Nayoung Kim to Mi-Kyung Sung. The appropriate correction has been made (page 2).

4. Another research fund has been added to 'Acknowledgements' (page 16).

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mi-Kyung Sung', followed by a period.

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