

Dear Editor,

Thank you for considering our manuscript for submission and for all the insightful comments from both you and the reviewers.

We revised the manuscripts according to your and reviewers' suggestions. All of the reviewers' concerns have been addressed. A point-to-point response has also been provided for your convenience.

We hope the current version of the manuscript is suitable for publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Thank you.

Sincerely

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this study, the authors suggested that the down-regulation of NOB1 gene inhibit growth of colon cells and promote the apoptosis of colorectal cancer. This study is much informative and has the good results and scientific value. However, this manuscript will be more improve with minor modification such as below.

- 1. Author should change title. This study is a functional study of NOB1, not for NOB1-siRNA.**

Answer: We appreciate your suggestion and have, therefore, changed the title to "NOB1 is essential for the survival of RKO colorectal cancer cells". We believe that the revised title clearly demonstrates our main findings.

- 2. There are no Suppl's numbers in Result section of page16.**

Answer: Thank you for noticing the mistake. The result was from Supplemental Figure 2 and additional information was added for clarification.

- 2. Author like to use capitalized words in this document. It should be change all of that. For example, " Pathways in Cancer" " RKO Human colorectal" et al.**

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion. We have made the necessary changes and removed the capitalized words.

- 4. Author suggest such as [Realtime RT-PCR confirmed that WNT7B and BAX are the target of NOB] and [The possible mechanisms are involved in Wnt, ~] in Discussion**

section. However it could not speak conclusively by just microarray result and RT-PCR.

Answer: We appreciate your comment. We have made necessary corrections and revised the manuscript accordingly.

5. Author should show the FAS result in Figure 3. 6. In Figure 4C, E and F, please clearly indicate footnote.

Answer: Thank you for your suggestions. The representative FACS results have been added to Figures 3, 6, 4C, 4E, and 4F.