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Dear Dr. Andrzej S Tarnawski,

Ref. No.: 80715

We would like to thank the reviewers for their positive reviews and insightful comments and thank you for giving us the opportunity to resubmit a revised version of our manuscript.

We have carefully considered the suggestions of the reviewers and revised our text and table accordingly. We hope that all these changes fulfill the requirements to make the manuscript acceptable for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology. Below, you will find a point-by-point summary of the changes or responses to each reviewer's comments, which are written in blue to highlight.

We sincerely thank you for your efforts to carry out the peer-review process and produce such a fine journal. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Bin Wu

## **Response to the reviewers:**

#### **Editor-in-chief:**

请在正文中和参考文献中添加以下信息。 Citation: Monzer A, Wakimian K, Ballout F, Al Bitar S, Yehya A, Kanso M, Saheb N, Tawil A, Doughan S, Hussein M, Mukherji D, Faraj W, Gali-Muhtasib H, Abou-Kheir W. Novel therapeutic diiminoquinone exhibits anticancer effects on human colorectal cancer cells in two-dimensional and three-dimensional in vitro models. World J Gastroenterol 2022: 28(33): 4787-4811 I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, the relevant ethics documents, and the English Language Certificate, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, when revising the manuscript, the author must supplement and improve the highlights of the latest cutting-edge research results, thereby further improving the content of the manuscript. To this end, authors are advised to apply a new tool, the Reference Citation Analysis (RCA). RCA is an artificial intelligence technology-based open multidisciplinary citation analysis database. In it, upon obtaining search results from the keywords entered by the author, "Impact Index Per Article" under "Ranked by" should be selected to find the latest highlight articles, improve used then be to further preparation/peer-review/revision. Please visit our RCA database for more information at: https://www.referencecitationanalysis.com/.

**Response:** Following the editor-in-chief's suggestion, we have now added the citation.

#### **Reviewer #1 (Comments to the Author):**

These comments by Wu et al. on the manuscript "Novel therapeutic diiminoquinone exhibits anticancer effects on human colorectal cancer cells in two-dimensional and three-dimensional in vitro models" adds valuable insights and will be useful for audience interested in this manuscript. I fundamentally feel that these comments will be worth publishing but there are a few points to be considered. (Line 12) derived-organoid  $\rightarrow$  patient derived-organoid (Lines 36-37) The authors reported that mucinous adenocarcinoma tissue from only one patient was successfully grown as an organoid model; In the paper by Chaolin et al., organoids were established from a total of 5 patients. The word "only" gives audience the impression that success rate of establishing patient-derived organoids of mucinous carcinoma was very low. Therefore, the word "only" should be deleted not to mislead audience.

**Comment 1:** The word "only" gives audience the impression that success rate of establishing patient-derived organoids of mucinous carcinoma was very low.

**Response:** We agree with the reviewer's comments. We have corrected this.

### Reviewer #2:

The authors present a solid and well founded comentary on the article "Novel therapeutic diiminoquinone exhibits anticancer effects on human colorectal cancer cells in two-dimensional and three-dimensional in vitro models". The positive aspects and weakness of the article are well discused, making a very interesting comentary that complement the work presented in the former article.

**Response:** We would like to thank the reviewers for their recognition of our work.

# Reviewer #4:

Thank you very much for your kind efforts

# References

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