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Dear Dr. Koizumi,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (ESPS Manuscript NO: 5124).

Title: Striking Similarities in Genetic Aberrations Between a Rectal Tumor and its Lung Recurrence.

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

1 We have revised figure 2 to make it clearer for the reader as suggested by reviewer (1). We have also added a table (table 1) to include the base pair boundaries.

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

(1) The K-ras mutational status for the lung metastasis is reported now in the manuscript as wild type similar to the K-ras status of the primary tumor.

(2) The conclusion of the paper was revised to reflect the suggestions of reviewer (2). Accordingly, the statement of "using aCGH analysis as the tool to confirm the origin of metastatic tumor" was removed.

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

Sincerely yours,

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