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Answering reviewers

Reviewer #503405 commented: “In the review article of Applegate et al (Role of retinoids in the prevention and treatment of colorectal cancer) the authors aimed to review recent results concerning the ability of retinoids to ameliorate CRC-related defective signaling pathways and decrease tumor cell proliferation and invasion through both RAR-dependent and -independent mechanisms. The review is well structured, very well written, interesting, comprehensive and focusing on the topic, which is of clinical importance. The functions of the listed signaling pathways are well discussed, their association to retinoids are also detailed. The figures and table are demonstrative and help the understanding. I suggest to accept the manuscript for publication in WJG. Congratulations for the authors!”

Reviewer # 3388057 commented: “Excellent review. Thorough and easy to read from a clinician's perspective. Great tables and figures.”

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