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Dear Editor,

Please find the enclosed manuscript in revised form - *file name: 18937-edited manuscript.doc*

**Title:** Immune Cell Interplay in Colorectal Cancer Prognosis

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**Journal:** World Journal of Gastroenterology (invited review)

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

"The manuscript by Samuel E Norton and others provides a concise review of immune Cell interplay in colorectal cancer prognosis.

This review could be considerably improved by providing more focus and increased detail specifically around colorectal cancer."

*Several new sentences and paragraphs have been added to improve the focus towards colorectal cancer.*

"A brief introduction of colorectal cancer should be added in the "Perspective" section."

*A paragraph introducing colorectal cancer has been added at the beginning of the "Perspective" section.*

"The manuscript demonstrated that Tregs play controversial roles in CRC for they could impair the function of anti-tumour effector cells as well as pro-tumour inflammatory Th17 cells. However, in figure 1, it seems that Tregs are completely "good guys" by inhibiting tumour growth. It might be misleading."

*We thank the reviewer for bringing this to our attention. The figure and the associated figure legend have been altered to reflect both the "good" and "bad" roles of Tregs.*

"The references before 2010 should be reduced while still retaining the main essentials."

*References prior to 2010 have been removed or replaced, other than those original research articles describing specific and relevant experimental data.*

**Language Competency:**

All four authors have English as a first language and have published several research articles and theses in English. We have revised and edited the manuscript to improve the quality of the language and to reach Grade A. The manuscript has also been reviewed by several other researchers with English as a first language. We do not believe it is necessary to provide a language editing certificate.

Yours truly,



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