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Dear Dr. Ze-Mao Gong,

First of all, thank you for your thoughtful review of our manuscript and your comments. We have revised the manuscript accordingly and the changes are highlighted in blue. We greatly appreciate the reviewers' complimentary comments and suggestions which we have carefully reviewed and answered in blue below. Moreover our manuscript has been edited for English language and grammar by American Journal Experts, a company, staffed by native English speakers from top American universities. We provided an editorial certificate for the first version of this manuscript. Since no significant changes have been made in this new version, we decided that it was not necessary to have it edited again. However, if you feel that the English language in this manuscript requires further improvement, we can have this done. We hope the revised version of the manuscript will be suitable for publication and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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## **Response to Reviewer 02823396**

### **Reviewer's comments:**

« I have had the opportunity to review this very interesting manuscript focused on CRC and microbiota. I would like congratulate the authors for their effort. I have no comments to do ».

### **Answer:**

We thank the reviewer for the review of our manuscript. We sincerely appreciate the supportive comments.

## **Response to Reviewer 00057665**

### **Reviewer's comments:**

« Very nice review ».

### **Answer:**

We thank the reviewer for the review of our manuscript. We sincerely appreciate the favorable comment.

## **Response to Reviewer 03551828**

### **Reviewer's comments:**

« This is a timely review. However, I do not see the need to review the current for colorectal cancer screening, given that the manuscript is entitled "Microbial markers in colorectal cancer detection and/or prognosis" ».

### **Answer:**

We sincerely thank the reviewer for the constructive criticism. We understand the reviewer's comment. Actual screening methods for colon cancer (CRC) have several limitations: effectiveness, invasiveness, sensitivity, cost, etc... There is still a need for

new effective screening methods. Considering that our manuscript aimed to highlight the potential use of microbial markers for CRC diagnosis, we believe that a section describing the actual screening methods and their limitations is necessary in order to justify the use of new markers. Given the strong association between colonic microbial composition / activity and CRC, microbiota provides new leads to identify powerful biomarkers.

## **Editor Suggestions in the manuscript file**

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The PPT version of our figures have been added (in the revised manuscript section).