

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in word format (file name: 16510-edited.docx).

**Title:** Stem and immune subsets in colorectal primary tumour: Quantification may diagnose metastasis

**Author:** Rubén Varela-Calviño, Oscar J Cordero

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Immunology*

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

1. Format has been updated.

The manuscript language has been polished. The changes made to the manuscript are very extensive in most sections so only the points specifically required by the reviewers are highlighted.

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

We are very grateful to them because they helped very much to improve the quality of our editorial.

(1) In addition to noting the typing errors of the manuscript, already polished, the reviewer suggested the addition of a figure, which could help to understand the intricate network of cells occurring in the colorectal cancer. We actually have done a figure, however, precisely because the intricacy of the network the figure legend would be so long that we feel it would repeat the information at the same time that losing the spirit of an Editorial; perhaps, a figure would fit better if the manuscript were a review.

(2) The reviewer stated that the authors did not provide enough evidence to support the relationship between the metastatic stem cells and the lymphocyte subsets in CRC, specifically in the section of "IMMUNE SURVEILLANCE IN COLORECTAL CANCER".

We have re-elaborated all the manuscript with more data to support the relationship between the metastatic stem cells and the lymphocyte subsets the authors. We were especially careful with that section, about which we agree with the reviewer that was weak in information and in the language style.

(3) All the reviewer's suggestions were accepted.

- Any abbreviations used have been checked.
- The manuscript has been checked carefully for grammatical and style errors.
- The title has been updated.
- NKs and CRC section has been expanded.
- Information about the tumor-specific antigens (TSAs) and MHC-I in MSI and other subgroups of CRC has been included, although only that information most related to the subject of the editorial.

- We agree with the feeling of the reviewer on the way we wrote the outlook so we changed the tune of the section in order to achieve the reviewer (and ours) idea.

3. References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Oscar J Cordero', is positioned above the contact information.

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