

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for your kind letter and for the constructive comments from the reviewers concerning our manuscript entitled “CircRNA\_0084927 promoted colorectal cancer progression by regulating the miRNA-20b-3p/glutathione S-transferase mu 5 axis” (65283). These comments were valuable and immensely helpful in improving our article. We have checked the manuscript again, provided answers to editors and reviewers, and made revisions in the text accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

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**Response to editor:**

(1) Science editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a basic study of the circRNA\_0084927 promoted colorectal cancer migration and invasion by regulating the miRNA-20b-3p/GSTM5 axis. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The authors discussed an interesting and relevant topic. The manuscript is organized in a clear and easy to understand manner. The design of the study is well conducted; and (3) Format: There is 1 table and 6 figures. (4) References: A total of 48 references are cited, including 26 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There are 4 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations that are closely related to the topic of the manuscript, and remove other improper self-citations. If the authors fail to address the critical issue of self-citation, the editing process of this manuscript will be terminated; and (6) References recommend: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by peer reviewer(s), especially the references published by

the peer reviewer(s) themselves. If the authors found the peer reviewer(s) request the authors to cite improper references published by themselves, please send the peer reviewer's ID number to the editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. A language editing certificate issued by AJE was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate, the The ARRIVE Guidelines and the Institutional Review Board Approval Form. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an unsolicited manuscript. The study was supported by 3 grants. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. 5 Issues raised: (1) The title is too long, and it should be no more than 18 words; (2) The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s); (3) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor; and (4) The "Article Highlights" section is missing. Please add the "Article Highlights" section at the end of the main text. 6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

**Re:** Thank you very much for your kind letter. In the revised manuscript, we have reduced the words of title, and added the "Article Highlights" section. In addition, we have uploaded the approved grant application form and provided original pictures according to requirements.

(2) Company editor-in-chief: I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

**Re:** Thank you very much. We have made revisions, and uploaded the relevant

materials according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision.

**Response to Reviewer #1:**

Interesting and relevant topic is discussed. Summarized the authors explored the role of CircRNA\_0084927 in the migration and invasion of CRC. The paper is organized in a clear and easy to understand manner. The design of the study is well conducted. The technical aspects of the methods are meticulously presented. The results are clearly presented. The figures and graphs are clear and easy to understand. The current state of the literature has been provided. Finally, conclusion section presents importance of the results and suggests that this finding could be applicable in targeted therapy of CRC with metastasis.

**Re:** Thank you very much for your support of our article.