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**Title:** High expression level and nuclear localization of Sam68 are associated with progression and poor prognosis in colorectal cancer

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Dear editors:

Enclosed please find our manuscript entitled “High expression level and nuclear localization of Sam68 are associated with progression and poor prognosis in colorectal cancer” by Wen-Ting Liao et al. All authors have contributed significantly, and that all authors have read and approved the final content of the manuscript. This manuscript is not under consideration by another journal and has not been previously published.

To our knowledge, this is the first study demonstrating the clinicopathologic significance of Src-associated in mitosis (Sam68) in colorectal cancer (CRC). In this study, we found that Sam68 was expressed at high levels in 120/224 (53.6%) of the CRC tissues. High Sam68 expression correlated significantly with tumor differentiation, advanced Dukes Stage, T stage, N stage and distant metastasis. In addition, Sam68 nuclear localization correlated significantly with poor differentiation, advanced Dukes Stage and T stage. Patients with high Sam68 expression or Sam68 nuclear localization had poorer overall survival than patients with low Sam68 expression or Sam68 cytoplasmic localization. We would appreciate your consideration of this manuscript for publication as an original article in *BMC Gastroenterology*.

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