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Title: Process of distant lymph node metastasis in colorectal carcinoma: Implication of extracapsular invasion of lymph node metastasis

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Very many thanks for your kind review on our above manuscript.

We here send you the revised version of the manuscript, entitled “Process of distant lymph node metastasis in colorectal carcinoma: Implication of extracapsular invasion of lymph node metastasis” by Takaaki Fujii, et al, for your consideration for the possible publication in BMC Cancer.

According to your and reviewers’ suggestions, the manuscript has been revised. Changes made in revision and critical points have been highlighted by underlines.

As a result, this revision brushed up the paper. The authors, therefore, would provide our best regards to your excellent reviewers for their kind and constructive comments.

We previously demonstrated that extracapsular invasion (ECI) at a metastatic sentinel node was significantly associated with the presence of positive non-sentinel nodes in patients with breast cancer. In this study we have demonstrated that ECI at metastatic lymph nodes at the N1 site is related distant regional lymph node metastasis at the N2 site in colorectal cancer, which might represent the ability or process of colorectal tumor cells to disseminate to distant lymph nodes.

This revised manuscript was read and approved the submission by all coauthors. This work has not been published and is not being considered for publication elsewhere, in whole or in part in any language.

We seriously hope your kind and critical consideration on our manuscript.

With best regards,
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