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Dear Doctor Danrolf,

Thank you very much for the careful inspection of our manuscript (1170757703573795) “Decreased expression of 17beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase type 1 is associated with DNA hypermethylation in colorectal cancer located in the proximal colon”, which we submitted to *BMC Cancer*, and for the criticism of the reviewer. We corrected the manuscript strictly according to the reviewer’ comments.

In reply to the comments of reviewer Jarom Heijmans,

- According to the reviewer’s suggestion, we decided to omit figure 2 presenting immunohistochemical data, as well as, remove methods and results subsections connected with this data. Moreover, we reordered the discussion section (page 16, lines 287- 293).

We do hope that these corrections are sufficient, and in this form the paper will be suitable for publication in *BMC Cancer*.
With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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