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Dear Dr. Keku

Thank you very much for your e-mail dated October 17th, 2012 regarding our manuscript no. 1912167671706131 titled "Changed adipocytokine concentrations in colorectal tumor patients and morbidly obese patients compared to healthy controls". First of all we would like to thank you for your willingness to accept the manuscript after minor revisions. Further, we thank the reviewers for their careful reading and their highly appreciated comments. We list, below, our responses to the issues raised on a point-by-point basis. These are in the format where I present the reviewer’s comments (verbatim) in italics and follow each point with our response in plain text. Actions taken are highlighted in bold.

We have modified the manuscript according to the reviewers’ recommendations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in case of any questions arising. Thank you very much indeed for your efforts.

Yours sincerely
Andreas Hillenbrand
Reviewer 1

*Minor essential Revisions:*

1. *Page 2 Conclusion: Please change* to: “The results suggest that both MO and CRC have low-grade inflammation as part of their etiology”.

   *We have changed the conclusion of the abstract as suggested.*

2. *Page 5 Line 2: Please change “certain roles” to “a role”.*

   *We have changed “certain roles” to “a role” as suggested.*

3. *Page 5 Line 8: Please add “and” before “the term” and remove the “,” after.*

   *We have changed the text page 5 line 8 as suggested*

4. *Page 5 Line 16: Please change “donors” to “donors),”.*

   *We have changed the text page 5 line 16 as suggested.*

5. *Page 6 Line 5: Please change “Necessary conditions” to “Inclusion criteria”.*

   *We have changed change “Necessary conditions” to “Inclusion criteria” as suggested.*

6. *Page 7 first paragraph: Please convert rpm to gravitational force g.*

   *It is rather unusual to indicate gravitational force g for a microplate shaker. Distributors always refer to rpm in their manuals and in publications rpm is also generally used. We therefore left rpm and added gravitational force g in brackets behind.*

7. *Page 7 Line 14: Please change “is” to “are”.*

   *We have changed “is” to “are” as suggested.*

8. *Page 7 Line 18: Please add “and” after the “,”.*

   *We have Inserted “and” as suggested.*
9. Page 7 Line 19-20: Please change the sentence to "The correlation coefficient is indicated by r."

We have changed the sentence as suggested.


We have made the necessary changed as suggested.

11. Page 9 Line 7: Please change “19.6ng/ml” and “6.7ng/ml” to “19.6 ng/ml” and “6.7 ng/ml”, respectively.

We have made the suggested changes.

12. Page 9 Line 12: Please “26.4kg/m²” to “26.4kg/m²”.

We have changed it as suggested.

13. Page 9 Line 13: Please add a space before “vs.”.

Space is now added.

14. Page 9: Please limit the decimals for p-values to 2 decimals if the p > 0.01.

We have changed it as suggested.

15. Page 9 Lower paragraph: Please limit the decimals for r-values to 2 decimals.

We have performed the change as suggested.

16. Page 22: Please change “19.6ng/ml”, “6.7ng/ml” and “33.3ng/ml” to 19.6 ng/ml”, “6.7 ng/ml” and “33.3 ng/ml”, respectively.

We have changed it as suggested.

17. Table 3: Please limit the decimals for parameters to 2.

The change was made as suggested.