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RE: (Manuscript ID 790326555682995)
Title: The application of Methylation specific electrophoresis (MSE) to DNA methylation analysis to the 5’ CpG Island of mucin in cancer cells

Dear Dr. Christiana Chap:

I appreciate the your kind E-mail of our manuscript (Manuscript ID 790326555682995) entitled “The application of Methylation specific electrophoresis (MSE) to DNA methylation analysis to the 5’ CpG Island of mucin in cancer cells” by Seiya Yokoyama, Norishige Yamada, Sho Kitamoto, Izumi Houjyo, Tamotsu Sugai, Shin-ichi Nakamura, Yoshifumi Arisaka, Kyoichi Takaori, Michiko Higashi and myself.

According to the valuable suggestions made by your letter dated 12 July, 2011, we have revised the manuscript. We are returning the manuscript for publication as a Research article in BMC Cancer.

Comment:

Experimental research that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm), and any experimental research on animals must follow internationally recognized guidelines. A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

Competing interests: manuscripts should include a 'Competing interests' section. This should be placed after the Conclusions/Abbreviations. Please consider the following questions and include a declaration of competing interests in your manuscript.

Response:

Following the advice, we added the sentence in the Materials and Methods

(Isolation of human colonic crypts and Pancreatic juice) to the sentence "All studies using human
materials in this article were approved by the ethical committees of Kagoshima University hospital and other hospitals. "In addition, we added the Competing interests section, placed after the Conclusions.

We believe that we have incorporated your comments. We appreciate the consideration of the manuscript as a Research article in BMC Cancer.

Yours sincerely,

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