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Dear Sirs!

We hereby express our heartfelt gratitude for your decision of the acceptance of our research work entitled “CD133 expression is not an independent prognostic factor in stage II and III colorectal cancer but may predict the better outcome in patients with adjuvant therapy” for publication as an original article in your journal. We strongly believe that the recent comments of the honorable reviewer Mr. CLAUDIU MARGARITESCU in the discretionary revision file are general important considerations regarding CD133 evaluation, which nonetheless we would rather not include them in the present manuscript. We would like to thank the editor in chief and the honorable reviewers for their constructive and helpful comments that assisted in further improvement of the manuscript. We have made changes to the manuscript as per your instructions and made minor changes additionally (all changes appear in red color in the revised version), which we describe point by point in brief below.

1. The first author's name “Khalilullah Mia Jan” is modified to “Khalilullah Mia-Jan”, Page 1.

2. The title word of “Introduction” is changed to “Background”, page 4.

3. Under the Material and Methods section, the declaration of ethical conduct of the study in compliance with the Declaration of Helsinki and the reference number of the approval by the Institutional Ethic Committee of Yonsei University, Wonju College of Medicine is provided, page 7.

4. The declarations of competing interests (page 21), authors’ contribution (page
(page 21) are added at the end of discussion section.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon. Please do let us know in time in case any changes are required.

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