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Dear Editor,

Please find attached our revised manuscript:

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First of all we would like to thank the reviewers for their careful re-assessment of our manuscript and the helpful comments.

Answers to Pia Alhopuro
Minor essential revisions:
1) Abstract: SNP8 R702W (not R703W) was corrected
2) Patients and Methods: The authors should specify the ethnicity of the patients in the control group. Caucasian ethnicity was included
3) Patients and Methods: detection of SNP8 is missing: SNP8 detection is included
4) Discussion: (page 8) <50 years (not >50 years) was corrected
5) Discussion: (page 9) In the study by Roberts et al, the association of G908R and 3020insC with CRC were not statistically significant. Text was modified as suggested

Formatting changes were done as requested.
We would like to thank you for accepting and publishing our paper. We do hope that the changes that have been made, have improved the quality of the manuscript also with regards to grammar.

Sincerely yours,

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