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Dear Ms Morawska:

We are pleased to submit the revised version of our manuscript. We have revised the manuscript according to the reviewer’s comments. Point-by-point responses to the reviewer are as follows.

Reviewer #2
1) Figure 1
We rescanned the band images at higher resolution and replaced them. In addition, the patient ID number is indicated above each lane. We also revised the legend (shown in red in the manuscript).

2) English proofreading
The manuscript was revised again by a native English-speaking editor. We attached the certificate from the editor as proof.
2) Title

The reviewer suggests “Differences in K-ras and mitochondrial DNA mutations and microsatellite instability between Vietnamese and Japanese colorectal cancer patients” as the title. However, by using this title, readers might misunderstand that we examined germline mutations of colorectal cancer patients. Therefore, we think that “Differences in K-ras and mitochondrial DNA mutations and microsatellite instability between colorectal cancers of Vietnamese and Japanese patients” would be better. Readers would understand that we examined somatic mutations of colorectal cancers and not germline mutations of the patients.

We now hope that our paper will be suitable for publication in BMC Gastroenterology, and we very much look forward to hearing from you concerning your editorial decision.

Yours sincerely,

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