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Dear Prof. Rosser,

Thank you for re-reviewing our manuscript entitled “Prognostic significance of Traf2- and Nck- interacting kinase (TNIK) in colorectal cancer” and giving valuable suggestions.

According to editorial requests, we prepared the revised manuscript. Please finds enclosed the revised manuscript, and take into consideration for publication, again.

Below are response to editorial requests and a summary of the changes.

Editorial requests:
1) Please check the journal requirements for authorship, and clarify the role of author MI in the study.

> We revised the text about the authors’ contribution as follows (page 8, line 297-298):

Hidenori T, TI and MI initiated the study, participated in its design and coordination, carried out the study, performed the statistical analysis, and drafted
the manuscript. SO, KM, HK, SI, HM, Hiroshi T, HU and KS provided data, contribute to data interpretation. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

2) Please add details on any funding received for the study, if applicable, to the Acknowledgements section.

> We did not receive any particular funding or grant for the study.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

With best regards,

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