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Dear Dr. Rice:

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to revise and resubmit our manuscript entitled “Immunogenomic Pathways Associated with Cytotoxic Lymphocyte Infiltration and Survival in Colorectal Cancer” by Yuanyuan Shen, Yue Guan, Justin Hummel, Chi-Ren Shyu, and Jonathan B. Mitchem. Please see our comments below for responses to the most recent review.

1. In the ‘Availability of data and materials’ statement, please clarify whether this data will instead be available upon request to the author. Alternatively, please amend the permissions so that the data will be made publicly available without the need for a workspace request.

To access the TCGA data via FireCloud, permission must be obtained via dbgap. We have amended the data availability section for clarification:

"Full access to source data from the TCGA via FireCloud requires permission through dbgap. An application for full access to the TCGA data may be submitted here: https://dbgap.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/aa/wga.cgi?page=login. All methods and R packages used in the preparation of this manuscript are available publicly (see below). For further information requests, please contact the corresponding author."

2. In the Funding statement of the Declarations, please describe the role of the funding bodies in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

In the funding statement, we have added the following statement:
"The funding bodies had no role in study design, collection, analysis, interpretation of data or writing the manuscript."

With the above changes, we hope that have answered your questions appropriately. Thank you again for your consideration and help in improving our work.

Sincerely,

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