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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>1. The manuscript style requires revision                  2. The abstract must include the clinical variables mentioned in the text.                  3. It mentions, "Only a few authors have looked at the possibility of mismatch repair mutations in the <b>aetiopathogenesis</b> of colorectal adenocarcinoma in East Africa" however this is not mentioned in the text.                  4. References do not follow a uniform style                  5. References do not follow an order of appearance in the text example in the first paragraph introduction is</p> <p>"Colorectal cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the world (1,2). It is the third most commonly diagnosed malignancy in the world and is responsible for 1.4 million new cases and approximately 700,000 deaths in the year 2012 (2). CRC is the second most common cancer in women worldwide (614,000 cases; 9.2% of the total) and the third most common cancer in men (746,000 cases; 10% of the total) (3). In Africa colorectal carcinoma is a rare disease and it currently represents 2-6% of all malignant tumors (7,8). The crude incidence of CRC in Sub-Saharan Africa is 3.69/100,000 for women and 4.38/100,000 for men (overall 4.04/100,000) with a wide variation in the geographical distribution of CRC reported on the African continent. A high incidence in South Africa of 11.9/100,000 whilst low incidences reported in East Africa (6.5/100,000) and West Africa (3.8/100,000 in women; 4.5/100,000 in men) has been reported (3, 4, 5)."</p>	<p>I wish to thank the reviewer for these very useful comments and these are addressed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I have revised the style of the manuscript. Attention to all grammatical errors has been made. The abstract has included the important findings and important clinical variables in this narrative literature review. Furthermore another figure has been added which is a bar graph in figure 1. This bar graph shows the steady increase in incidence of CRC in East African countries. The age standardized incidence rates of colorectal adenocarcinoma per 100,000 person-years in East African countries depicting a steady increase in the incidence of CRC between the years 1990 to the year 2017 is clearly seen. Please refer to the highlighted abstract and figure 1 of the revised manuscript.</li> <li>2. The abstract has been revised to include the important clinical variables and attention to the key findings in this narrative literature review has been taken in to account. Kindly refer to the highlighted abstract in the revised manuscript.</li> <li>3. The fact that only a few authors have looked at the possibility of mismatch repair mutations is mentioned in the text. Only one paper by Djxhoorn et al., 2014 and another from Eritrea in the past 20 years in East Africa has mentioned this fact. This is now mentioned in the main body of the text under Hereditary non-polyposis colon cancer – Lynch syndrome. Kindly refer to highlighted part of the revised manuscript.</li> <li>4. The references now follow a uniform style. Kindly refer to the revised manuscript.</li> <li>5. The references have been carefully scrutinised in the text to make sure that they follow an order of appearance. The example mentioned in the introduction has been corrected and this is highlighted. Kindly refer to the highlighted paragraph in the revised manuscript.</li> </ol>
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
<b>Optional/General</b> comments		



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**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	There are no ethical issues associated with this manuscript. The author declares that this work has been partly taken from his approved PhD proposal and that both approvals have been obtained from the Higher Degrees Research and Ethics Committee, School of Biomedical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, Makerere University and Uganda National Council for Science and Technology. The supervisory contribution of the supervisors to the PhD proposal has been acknowledged. Kindly refer to the highlighted sections on ethical approval and acknowledgments in the revised manuscript.