

Table SI. Information of patients with colorectal cancer.

Characteristics	All patients	CRC group	Advanced CRC group
<b>Sex, n</b>			
Male	28	8	20
Female	32	10	22
<b>Age, years</b>			
Age range	45-75	45-75	45-75
Mean age $\pm$ SD	53 $\pm$ 19	52 $\pm$ 11	54 $\pm$ 14

Table SII. Primers for reverse transcription-quantitative PCR.

Gene	Sequence (5'-3')
CD133	F: ACCCGGATCAAAAGGAGTCGGA R: ACGCCTTGTCCTTGGTAGTGTTG
Nanog	F: GGTGAAGACTAGCAATGGTCTGA R: TGCAATGGATGCTGGGATACTC
Oct-4	F: CCTTGAAGGGGAAGTAGGAC R: CAAGGCCTCCGTGCTATATCC
CD29	F: TGCCTTTTTGACCTTTTCCTCGTGA R: CCCCTCCCAACTGACTTTTCCTAT
CD44	F: TCCAACACCTCCCAGTATGACA R: GGCAGGTCTGTGACTGATGTACA
Sox2	F: CTTGAGAGAAAAAGGAGAAC R: CACACTAAATATACCCACTGG
GAPDH	F: TGTGTCCGTCGTGGATCTGA R: CCTGCTTCACCACCTTCTTGA

F, forward; R, reverse.