Reviewer's report

Title: Small invasive colon cancer with severe distant metastasis: A case report

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Minori Matsumoto and colleagues have reported an interesting case of relatively small sized-colon cancer with aggressive behavior. The authors have described a 12mm lesion in transverse colon with raised borders and a depressed center associated with local invasion and distant lymph node metastasis. The authors have suggested that this case may represent an example of newly described “de novo” colorectal cancer characterized by distinct pathway of carcinogenesis.

This case is very interesting in the context of clinical presentation and pathological behavior. The authors did not explain how the molecular pathway for “de novo” colon cancers is different from traditional adenoma-carcinoma sequence. If this has not been addressed in the literature, the authors should acknowledge this and emphasize that their assumption to classify this lesion as “de novo” colon cancer is just based on the morphology and clinical behavior. The authors should also include the data from microsatellite instability testing (at least by Immunohistochemistry) to rule out MSI-H type cancer.

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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I declare that I have no competing interests