Reviewer's report

Title: High expression level and nuclear localization of Sam68 are associated with progression and poor prognosis in colorectal cancer

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Reviewer: Per Pfeiffer

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The main problem is that the authors do not clearly state what was the aim of their study.

It is not fair to evaluate TNM staging AND Dukes. They should have selected one.

On page 7 the authors write” The median ± standard deviation (SD) follow-up time for all patients was 58.47 ± 26.14 months; the mean follow-up time for survivors was 69 ± 9.5 months”

I asked the authors to use median (and not followed by SD)

53 patients received adjuvant CT but 97 had N+ disease. How were pts selected?

Wrong number in Fig 6 B

Difference between two curves can not predict efficacy of CT

Did the authors correct for multiple comparisons

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.