Reviewer’s report

Title: Elevated IGFR expression regulating VEGF and VEGF-C predicts lymph node metastasis in human colorectal cancer

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Despite some very good answers to the reviewer, the manuscript does not yet adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition, as the reviewer suggested already:

1
It is not answered whether the data are made retrospectively or prospectively. This should be addressed in Methods.

2
The results discussion and conclusions are not yet well balanced and adequately supporting the data:
Evidently the authors and elaborate on IGFR and VGFs, included in the revised version now important new data on survival of the patients, but still did not mention or discuss previous important publications for colorectal cancer such as:

Vascular endothelial growth factors C and D and lymphangiogenesis in gastrointestinal tract malignancy.
Duff SE, Li C, Jeziorska M, Kumar S, Saunders MP, Sherlock D, O’Dwyer ST, Jayson GC.

VEGF-D expression correlates with colorectal cancer aggressiveness and is downregulated by cetuximab.

Expression of the vascular endothelial growth factor receptor-3 (VEGFR-3) and its ligand VEGF-C in human colorectal adenocarcinoma.
Witte D, Thomas A, Ali N, Carlson N, Younes M.

Expression of VEGF-C and VEGF-D at the invasive edge correlates with lymph
node metastasis and prognosis of patients with colorectal carcinoma.

Again as the reviewer suggested earlier: the implication für response prediction have not yet been discussed or addressed.