Reviewer's report

**Title:** Context-dependent interpretation of the prognostic value of BRAF and KRAS mutations in colorectal cancer

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1) I think that could be necessary to find a "validation cohort" that can support the importance of the prognostic value of BRAF and K-RAS. Without this, the impact and the novelty of the work is very little.

2) I am not completely convinced of the biological significance of B-RAF mutation and the specific location of the tumor, especially if I look at the numbers of B-RAF left-sided tumors analyzed in the work.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests' below.