Reviewer’s report

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

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Discretionary Revisions:

1: I humbly suggest the authors to deeply investigate the prognostic value of KRAS mutation in light of the observed trend toward statistical significance as a prognostic marker since, as already mentioned in the manuscript, "too strict requirements for statistical significance are imposed". As a consequence, the inability to see any statistical significance can be the result of the too conservative statistic used. Furthermore an independent cohort of patients (if and when available) carrying the considered KRAS mutation could reveal and reinforce the observed trend transforming it in a statistical significant prognostic marker.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests