Reviewer's report

Title: FCGR2A and FCGR3A polymorphisms and clinical outcome in metastatic colorectal cancer patients treated with 1st line 5-fluorouracil/folinic acid and oxaliplatin +/- cetuximab

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Major compulsory revisions

The paper is globally very interesting and well written. I only have some remarks about statistical methods used in this study. In detail I wonder if the Authors performed the necessary check of parametric assumptions before using both Anova and Cox's model (normality and omoschedasticity, and proportional hazard checks, respectively).

So, I suggest to state these checks (if performed) or to perform them.

Minor essential revisions

Table 1. Please, use X instead of x to indicate "chi" inside the symbol of chi square.

Tables 2,3,4,5. I suggest to add, in captions, the statistical tests performed.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests' below.