Reviewer's report

Title: Podocalyxin is a marker of poor prognosis in colorectal cancer

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I have read both manuscripts with interest and I have only some minor comments on the second manuscript where the monoclonal antibody and the polyclonal antibodies are compared.

The authors report that the staining patterns of both reagents are different. In the discussion they hypothesize that different function or maturation might be responsible. However, they do not refer to information that is readily available in the internet on the differences in molecular weight of podocalyxin. Roughly there is a substance with a molecular weight of 55-60Kda and one of 165Kda. I would appreciate if the authors could include such information and if known the reactivity of the reagents used with one or both of these substances.

As indicated in the first review of paper 1 I think that with manuscript 2 with comparison of the two reagents, a combined publication of both manuscripts will be of value to the readers of the journal.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.