Reviewer's report

Title: BRAF V600E mutation and KRAS codon 13 mutations predict poor survival in Chinese colorectal cancer patients

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This is a well-conducted study. I have a few comments for improvement.

The authors should examine KRAS mutations and tumor location in more detail. Especially, is KRAS mutation more common in cecal cancers, as previously shown by M Yamauchi, T Morikawa, et al. Gut 2012; and C Rosty et al. Mod Pathol 2013? Please discuss findings together with the data by Yamauchi and Rosty.

Also please discuss the colorectal continuum model proposed by Yamauchi, Lochhead, et al. (Gut 2012), given continuum of gut microbiota and immunity.

Recent reviews by D Colussi et al. (Int J Mol Sci 2013) and F Bishehsari et al. (World J Gastroenterol) are worth mentioning.

Level of interest: An exceptional article

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'