Reviewer's report

Title: Metastatic susceptibility locus, an 8p hot-spot for tumour progression disrupted in colorectal liver metastases: 13 candidate genes examined at the DNA, mRNA and protein level.

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Although the authors found that germline mutation and probable LOH resulted in loss of wild type DR5 protein in a liver metastasis, genetic alteration of DR5 was identified in one case. The limited number of pathogenic alteration is not enough to show the importance of loss of DR5 function in the progression of colorectal cancer.

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