Reviewer's report

**Title:** Thymidylate Synthase, Dihydropyrimidine Dehydrogenase, ERCC1, and Thymidine Phosphorylase Gene Expression in Primary and Metastatic Gastrointestinal Adenocarcinoma Tissue in Patients Treated on a Phase I Trial of Oxaliplatin and Capecitabine

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Major: The authors analyzed the expression levels of m RNA of TS, TP, DPD, and ERCC1. And they mentioned that high mRNA expression levels of TS or ERCC1 correlated with short survival of the patients. Can we think about that high mRNA levels of TS or ERCC1 means the high enzyme activity of TS or ERCC1?

Minor: The authors did not show the TP primers and probe.

**What next?:** Accept after minor essential revisions

**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.