Reviewer's report

Title: Expressions of HIF-1α and VEGF in colorectal cancer: correlations with clinical outcomes and prognostic implications

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The expressions of HIF-1α and VEGF and their prognostic significant have been widely studied. This research further confirmed its importance. The statistical method used in this paper is confused.

1. In Abstract part: It is incorrect that multivariate analysis is used to evaluate the relation HIF-1α expression to tumor stage, lymph node metastasis, and liver metastasis. In addition, it should add “prognosis” in Key Words.

2. In Statistical analyses part: It should add Cox Hazard Proportional Model (multivariate) to analysis the prognostic importance of HIF-1 and VEGF.

3. In Table 1 title part: It is incorrect to use the univariate analysis.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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