Reviewer's report

**Title:** Differences in the genetic alterations between Vietnamese and Japanese colorectal cancers

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**Reviewer:** Rashmi Prasad

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This study highlights the differences in K-ras, mtDNA and high-frequency microsatellite instability mutation frequencies between Vietnamese and Japanese CRC patients. Environment, especially diet could have a high impact on age of onset and could vary in the span of a decade.

While the low number of samples could result in a sampling bias, this issue has been addressed.

Minor Essential Revisions
A better Figure for B and C is recommended.

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

**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