Reviewer's report

Title: Differences in the mutations of K-ras and mitochondrial DNA and in microsatellite instability between Vietnamese and Japanese colorectal cancers

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Major Compulsory Revisions
The authors reply in a sufficient manner to the points raised by the Reviewer. However, there are still 2 main points to be clarified:

1) Figure 1 is really terrible. I understand that the assay could be tricky and to obtain a good image may be hard, but as it is (and now it seems that Authors magnified it making it even worst) the image is really not telling much.

2) I still believe that there was not a proof reading by an English -Native speaker, since in the text that ere are many repetitions and not clear sentences..The modified title, for example is not so clear and correct: I would suggest "Differences in K-ras mutations, mitochondrial DNA, and microsatellite instability between Vietnamese and Japanese colorectal cancers patients"

For the rest I am satisfied with the replies given by the Authors.

Discretionary Revisions
In the future, I would suggest the Authors to improve the number of samples and to be more careful in the comparison of different populations trying to avoid possible bias.

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