Author’s response to reviews

Title: Impact of Primary Colorectal Cancer Location on the KRAS Status and its Prognostic Value

Authors:

Mingzhi Xie (78109768@qq.com)
Jilin Li (455620024@qq.com)
Zhengmin Cai (lamp518@qq.com)
Kezhi Li (49783925@qq.com)
Bangli Hu (hubangli@gxmu.edu.cn)

Version: 3 Date: 23 Jan 2019

Author’s response to reviews:

Editor Comments:

The revised manuscript has improved.

However, the authors have not added the Hutchins paper to Table 3 or the list of references (despite indicating this was the case).

Response: We are highly grateful for your invaluable comments. Hutchins et al paper entitles “Value of mismatch repair, KRAS, and BRAF mutations in predicting recurrence and benefits from chemotherapy in colorectal cancer”. However, this paper did not provide the data of KRAS mutation in right- or left-side colon cancer. Thus we did not include this study in the meta-analysis. But the format of Hutchins et al paper was so wonderful; we modified our manuscript based on his paper. According to you invaluable comments, we cited this paper in the revised manuscript. Letters marked in red in Reference #31.

Secondly, there was no Figure #4 provided with the revised manuscript

Response: Thank you for your valuable comment. We added the Figure #4 in the revised manuscript.

Finally the legends to the Forest plots should be consistent with the results. At the moment, it's quite confusing. If the diamond is to the right of the the vertical line, then the legend should indicate what this means.
Response: Thank you so much for pointing out our mistakes. We corrected the figure legend to consist with the figure. Letters marked in the red in figure legend #2, #4, #5. If you think additional modification needs to be done in order to further improve the manuscript, please do not hesitate to contact us.