Reviewer's report

Title: Role of SMC1A overexpression as a predictor of poor prognosis in colorectal cancer

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In this study, Wang et al. investigated the oncogenic effect of SMC1A in colorectal cancer. The authors firstly identified that SMC1A was aberrantly expressed in human CRC tissues and correlated with poor prognosis for patients with high-grade CRC. The authors used in vitro CRC cell models and in vivo mouse models to verify the function of SMC1A in CRC malignant proliferation. In summary, the manuscript provides some supplementary insights into the role of SMC1A in cancer progression to previous studies by Zhang et al. (Oncol Lett, 2013), Yang et al. (Mol Cell Biochem, 2013) and Ma et al. (Int J Clin Exp Pathol, 2013).

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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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.