Reviewer’s report

Title: A phase I/IIa study combining curcumin (C3-complex, Sabinsa) with standard care FOLFOX chemotherapy in patients with inoperable colorectal cancer: The CUFOX trial.

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This is an interesting study. Several questions should be solved before consideration for publishing.

1. What is the rationale to add curcumin to the chemotherapy for inoperable CRC? Why not start from stage III?
2. What is the rationale for dosage selection of curcumin?
3. Curcumin is a mix, could it be a pure compound based capsule?
4. Please provide the safety data about curcumin in the reference.
5. Please follow up the format of SPIRIT, a standard reporting format of protocol.