

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled "Association of INDEL polymorphisms with colorectal cancer risk and clinical features"; the author conducted this study between 140 patients with CRC and 140 normal controls based on 16 INDEL polymorphisms, and found significant associations of INDEL variations in ACE, TYMS, IL4, NFKB1, CASP8, TP53, HLAG, UGT1A1, and SGSM3 with CRC risk and clinical features. The data would be helpful to relative studies, thus some revision should be made: 1. The sample size is very small. Please calculate the statistical power. 2. This work analyzed 16 INDEL polymorphisms, but criteria for SNP selection were not shown. Please show this in the "Materials and Methods" section. 3. The case and control groups differ significantly in terms of gender, alcohol consumptions, and tobacco consumptions. How did these factors affect the colorectal cancer risk? 4. Use of English language and grammar requires some minor revision.

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1. The authors should perform a functional assay of this Indel polymorphism to verify the true effects not just statistical association. 2. The "huge" supplementary materials also should be more concise.

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1. Please check for syntax errors and language. 2. Table 1; why did the authors categorize the cases and controls into 2 groups who are younger and older than 45 years of age? 3. Table 1; what is the frequency of "eventual" and "frequent" alcohol consumption, please define.