

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Very interesting study, nice tables and great figures. Congratulations!

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting survey with regard potential use of the CXC family of chemokines as prognostic or predictive biomarkers and possible drug targets in colorectal cancer. Nevertheless, corrections are needed and revisions are required. 1. In the Introduction



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section the sentence "In industrialized countries the prognosis of early stage disease is positive" should be re-written. Current first-line treatment of metastatic CRC should be more analysed. Please clarify the aim of the study. 2. The heading "Literature search" should be replaced. 3. Throughout the text information included in Figures or Tables should be reduced. The article is too narrative. 4. Table 1 is too long. Information included should be more concise. 5. Figures' quality is excellent. Nevertheless, legends should be reduced in size. 6. Grammatical errors should be corrected.

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The title of this manuscript is the CXC family of chemokines as prognostic or predictive biomarkers and possible drug targets in colorectal cancer. In this study, the authors reviewed mainly summarizes the most recent findings on the role of CXC chemokines



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and their receptors in CRC and discusses their possible value as prognostic or predictive (and prognostic) biomarkers as well as the possibility of targeting their intracellular signalling as a therapeutic strategy. Study are well designed and it should be published in the journal.

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

**Title:** The CXC family of chemokines as prognostic or predictive biomarkers and possible drug targets in colorectal cancer. The authors reviewed the clinical significance of CXC family. This manuscript is very interesting and well written. However, I feel



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there are some problems in this article. (1) Authors described “the five year survival rate for patients with local or distant metastasis is only around 40% and 5%, respectively.” I think these rates are too low. Authors should change this sentence and reference. (2) In page 10, line 19, authors should change “HIF-1a” to “HIF-1 $\alpha$ ” or “HIF-1alpha”. (3) Author should correct the typographical errors.

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