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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1- Although the authors did mention it, 7 months period of follow up is not enough for diagnosing full remission! The risk of colorectal cancer recurrence is highest within the first five years following your diagnosis. About 60% to 80% of recurrence happens within the first two years<sup>2</sup> after resection and over 90% within the first five years. 2- The authors still need to closely follow up the patient and publish updates regarding the progress and prognosis of this particular patient! 3- The active principles of the chinese medicines used need to be thoroughly discussed.



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It is an interesting case report, as it opens a perspective for a clinical trial that could test the efficacy of TCM in colon cancer or other cancer too. Nevertheless it can not be published in its present form It could be considered for publication after major revision that could address the following remarks: 1) You can not write ">12 year history" etc. The authors could write approximately 12 or 15 years (the closer) 2) Tumor biopsy "suggested"adenocarcinoma. Should be changed to revealed. 3) The tumor stage at diagnosis is not stated 4) The oncology plan after resection is not stated. The authors write " Chemotherapy - related liver damage developed slowly". After which scheme? 5) The conclusion is over statement. TCM was given as an adjuvant treatment that could have the role of placebo. The right conclusion is that maybe as an adjuvant treatment TCM could aid in the management of colon cancer. Further studies are needed in order to confirm the therapeutic potential of TCM in colon cancer 6) Many syntax, grammar and vocabulary errors, as "transverse colon completely smooth". 7) The surgery detailed prescription does not offer anything and should be ommited



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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this case report, the authors reported the traditional Chinese medicine effectively treat a 71-year-old man with metastatic colon cancer. The paper is interesting and suitable for the Journal.



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Corrections have been made in the right path, but the article is not yet ready for publication. The authors should revise their presentation. It is not the first time that TCM is used for colorectal cancer. But although the literature is in favor of the effective role of TCM in cancer (and colorectal also) there are not yet randomized control trials to prove its efficacy and establish it as standard treatment.