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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very interesting article with regard to potential detection of stool mutations in gastric and colorectal neoplasia patients by next generation sequencing. The refore, the article should be accepted for publication under minor revisions. 1. In the Introduction section additional discrimination of mutations among gastric and colorectal cancer patients is required. Grammatical errors should be corrected. The aim of the study is clear. 2. In the Methods section epidemiological data should be provided in the First paragraph. The section of next generation sequencing (NGS) should be better written. 3. In the Discussion section the structure should be re-organised. The Conclusion should be more concise. 4. The Information provided in the Tables should be reduced. 5. Newly published articles should also be included.



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This paper on genetic mutation detected in stool specimens from gastrointestinal tumors is rather interesting. Following are the major problems with this manuscript: 1. Change the title. It is not mutation of stool, but genetic mutation in stool specimens. 2. Methods. Number of volunteers is low; only 14 compared to the study group of 87. 3. No details of the stage of malignancies are provided in the patient group. 4. If the malignancies are all in the advanced stage finding mutations in the stool will not be helpful for early detection. 5. Age of the volunteers in two reported subjects is under 40. This is not comparable to the advanced age group in the cancer group. 6. Age and number of volunteers should be comparable to the study group. 7. Change or add table giving the details of patients with the stage of their cancer.