



**PEER-REVIEW REPORT**

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology

**Manuscript NO:** 40971

**Title:** Inhibiting focal adhesion kinase: A potential target for enhancing therapeutic efficacy in colorectal cancer therapy

**Reviewer’s code:** 03478635

**Reviewer’s country:** Japan

**Science editor:** Fang-Fang Ji

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

References need to be checked.

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It is a well documented manuscript

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**Reviewer’s country:** Japan

**Science editor:** Fang-Fang Ji

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this manuscript, author introduced focal adhesion kinase (FAK) as a potent prognostic marker and a possible target for colorectal cancer therapies with providing an update on the scientific basis. This editorial paper covers comprehensive aspects in this



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field, carefully discuss the latest status with sufficient number of reference papers, and is concisely written. The information given is helpful to promote the further advance in colorectal cancer therapies. This reviewer has no essential criticism to the contents.

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**Science editor:** Fang-Fang Ji

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Author your editorial is good.

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The efficacy from chemotherapy for local advanced and metastasis colorectal cancer is limited. Though the targeting therapy for colorectal cancer is widely studied, the results are not as successful as that for non-small cell lung cancer. There are no ideal biomarkers



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and therapeutic targets for colorectal cancer so far. Authors summarized potential role of FAK in the signal transduction of colorectal cancer. As the authors pointed out that FAK might be a potential candidate target for colorectal cancer therapies. This is an important article. I suggest that this manuscript should be accepted.

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