

Author's responses to reviewers

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: The type of this manuscript was a letter to the editor. I also have read the study conducted by Zhi and colleagues. As the authors proposed in this letter, the study conducted by Zhi et al, put more special focus on the immune status in the tumor microenvironment conducted by BRAFV600E mutation. However, the whole story of tumor microenvironment related to immune status in CRC was really complex. At present, there are many different opinions on this topic. As to me, i would more likely to focus on the immune cells, immune checkpoints as well as the molecular aberrations in further studies.

Author's response:

We thank the reviewer for their thoughtful comment. We agree with the reviewer that more emphasis should be put on other components of the microenvironment such as immune cells, immune checkpoints and molecular aberrations as highlighted in our letter.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: It is a very interesting topic. BRAF mutated colon cancer presents with poor survival. The immune microenvironment plays a key role in tumorigenesis as well as responses to treatments. I agree with the authors that other key immune components need to be investigated. Furthermore, microsatellite status is especially useful as a predictor immunotherapy effectiveness. In future studies it would be desirable to target this topic.

Author's response:

We thank the reviewer for their valuable input. Indeed MSI should put focus on this aspect of CRC.

(1) Science editor:

This letter presented an interesting topic on other significant immune factors and their possible implications on the tumor microenvironment of BRAF mutated CRC.

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Author's response:

We thank the editor for their comment.

(2) Company editor-in-chief:

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

Author's response:

We thank the editor for their comments. We have edited the manuscript according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. We look forward to publishing our article with your esteemed journal.