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# PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [ ] Grade B: Very good [Y] Grade C: Good [ ] Grade D: Fair [ ] Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [Y] Grade B: Good [ ] Grade C: Fair [ ] Grade D: No novelty
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Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [Y] Grade B: Good [ ] Grade C: Fair [ ] Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	[Y] Grade A: Priority publishing [] Grade B: Minor language polishing [] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing [] Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	[ ] Accept (High priority) [ ] Accept (General priority) [ Y] Minor revision [ ] Major revision [ ] Rejection
Re-review	[Y] Yes [] No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: [Y] Anonymous [ ] Onymous  Conflicts-of-Interest: [ ] Yes [Y] No

### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for inviting me to evaluate the Case Report titled "Emerging Role of Liquid Biopsy in RAS Mutated Metastatic Colorectal Cancer After Treatment: a Case Series of Dynamic Monitoring and Treatment Tailoring in NeoRAS wild type". It is an interesting which described a series of 11 RAS-mutated mCRC patients who were treated with a combination of CT and bevacizumab at 1L. Four patients became neo-RAS wt after 1L or 2L treatment and were treated with cetuximab, with advantages in terms of survival and disease progression. And, the information in this Case Report is helpful to clinical communities. The paper is well arranged and the logic is clear, and. The cited literature is comprehensive and modern. The provided figure and tables are well composed and understandable. The quality of language of the manuscript is quite acceptable for me. So, I recommend to you that this manuscript may be accepted after revision. There are some advices for the authors: 1) In the sixth line of "In the sixth line of the first paragraph", Even though, the patient was kept on maintenance CT and showed a very long and sustained response. Case 2 had a right-sided relapsed mCCR with liver metastasis. There is a spelling mistake. Write "mCRC" incorrectly as "mCCR".



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2)In Figure 1. Imaging evaluation of Case 11.in picture A, three months later, the calcified intrahepatic metastases appear to be significantly increased, in addition, for liver metastases on CT scan, the lack of imaging parameters, this seems to be a flat scan, is it accurate?3) The detection threshold of RAS gene mutation by tissue biopsy and ctDNA is different. It is suggested that the authors should supplement the value of Ras mutation abundance before and after treatment, which is convenient for readers to study and discuss.



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