

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Association of tumor budding with clinicopathological features and prognostic value in stage III-IV colorectal cancer

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Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Congratulations on this manuscript. Tumour budding is an interesting topic. It is not new and a consensus of 2016 has been released. However, this work informs the significant of tumour budding in Stage III and IV colorectal cancer patients and how Bd2-3 are significant prognostic markers.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this study, the authors introduced that a new prognostic biomarker that affects the prognosis and treatment decisions of stage III-IV colon cancer patients defined as tumor budding. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to analyze the relationship between tumor budding classification and clinicopathological characteristics. The authors concluded that tumor budding was an independent prognostic factor for progression-free survival and overall survival of stage III-IV colon cancer patients and recommended to apply the tumor budding report in the standard pathological report. Although the study is interesting, 1. it is recommended that consideration be given to the possibility that there may be differences between groups depending on the type of chemotherapy, such as FOLFOX vs. FOLFIRI. 2. Additionally, the comparative results of OS and PFS according to the invasion area (perineural and vascular invasions) in the analysis group must be clearly presented.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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All concerns have been well addressed. There is no additional issue to raise.