



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Scientific quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
<b>Novelty of this manuscript</b>	<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
<b>Creativity or innovation of this manuscript</b>	<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



<b>Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript</b>	<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
<b>Language quality</b>	<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
<b>Conclusion</b>	<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
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this manuscript, Kita K et al. proposes a potentially new approach optical control through using photo-switchable microtubule-targeting drugs in CRC. Overall, the review paper is very readable and innovative. It begins with an introduction to the standard treatment for CRC, and then discusses the reasons why microtubule inhibitors (MT) do not work well in CRC. A new MT drug, Combretastatin, will be introduced, followed by development of photo-controlling drug strategies, etc. There are some questions which should be issued. First, there are some grammar mistakes, and English language should be improved. The cited website is too long and should be shortened. Secondly, the main content of the paper was not well written and described closely with the title, and only one MT drug Combretastatin was used for photo-controlled CRC treatment, so there were not enough examples for MT drugs to treat CRC. Moreover, the format and reference of the manuscript should be checked.