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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this study the authors have investigated the relationship between Fusobacterium nucleatum infection with colorectal cancer in Chinese patients. Although an interesting association of the presence of F. nucleatum and the worse prognosis was described an important data is missing to strongly support the conclusion of the present study. Were F nucleatum specifically enriched in these tumors or were the data just a mere reflect of enhanced invasion of the tumor for all intestinal bacteria?



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This is a very interesting article. Analyses are good overall. Please improve on following points. The largest study on fusobacterium in >1000 colorectal carcinomas has been published by Mima K et al. in Gut 2015. Fusobacterium is a poor prognostic factor. Lack of other tumour molecular changes is a weakness. The authors should discuss molecular changes in colorectal cancers, reviewed by D Colussi et al. Int J Mol Sci 2013; K Bardhan et al. Cancers 2013; F Zoratto et al. Tumour Biol 2014. Gut microbiota is influenced by diet and lifestyle factors. The authors should discuss the emerging science of molecular pathological epidemiology (MPE) (S Ogino et al. Gut 2011; S Ogino et al. Mod Pathol 2013; F Bishehsari et al. World J Gastroenterol 2014), which links risk factors to molecular features of cancers (such as fusobacterium). In the future, diet or medications can be used to alter microbiota for prevention of cancers.