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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Saridaki and colleagues reported the prognostic and predictive significance of MSI in colon cancer. A number of articles were used including MSI status between stage II and stage III CRC patients, and the potential effect of anti-cancer drugs in CRC patients. But there are a number of issues that need to be addressed:

1. The author list many cases including different standpoint whether it is necessary to use the MSI to be evaluated in stage II CRC patients. But the author did not draw a conclusion at the end of manuscript. Meta-analysis may be used to analysis these cases better than to simply listing these cases.
2. As a review paper, the author need refer to the more recent research. Some references are over 5 year-old.
3. In the conclusion, the author provided some methods to resolve the pending questions. Are there any recent progresses in the research of this field, for example "cheap biomarkers"?
4. A better title is needed to reflect the content in the text. The title is for "stage II CRC", but stage III CRC was also discussed in the manuscript.



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This is the review paper dealing with the prognostic and predictive significance of MSI status in patients with stage II colon cancer. I think it is practical and important topic for the clinicians. This topic is not so novel, but valuable. Presentation and readability of the manuscript are good. I found no problems in ethics of the research. To make better review paper, I recommend a meta-analysis focusing on contrasting and combining results from different studies. And the author has to add a few recent papers(including Annals of Oncology 24:1274-1282, 2013). In the abstract,I found the wrong sentence "MSI should be evaluated be evaluated in stage II CRC patients". Please check.



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In this review, Saridaki et al. critically analyze the prognostic and predictive significance of microsatellite instability (MSI) in stage II colon cancer. Even if too brief, this review is updated and well written. Moreover, topics covered have clinical relevance. Major points: the division into paragraphs puzzles me. Biology is a paragraph of which, for example, “MMR system MSI definition - Hereditary and Sporadic Colon” and “Prognostic in stage II” are sub-sections? Titles of the paragraphs sound really strange (i.e. Prognostic in stage II, Hereditary and Sporadic Colon, Predictive...).