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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The studies reported in this manuscript are descriptive/correlative, rather than mechanistic in nature. The samples and the statistic analysis are not able to provide any specific answer to the authors' main question. Each discussion presented is intriguing, but overall the work falls short of demonstrating the final conclusion on the phenotypes observed. Other concerns include, but are not limited to the following: 1. The novelty problem: Authors should present clearly the significance and the rationales of this study. Although authors used human colorectal cancer specimens, it is hard to know the novelty of this study. I suggest authors to emphasize their original rationales and importance of this study. 2. The cellular localization of TFF1, TFF3, and TWIST1 in Fig.1 should be evaluated in the same area of each group. The authors are encouraged to reproduce the figures of Cancer tissue, Lymph node metastasis, and Liver metastasis for Twist1 protein. 3. Snail protein expression data should be added in Figure 3. 4. A number of grammatical errors and undefined abbreviations are present in the manuscript that needs correction. 5. Minor typing mistakes should be corrected. 6. The quality of English and clarity of sentences are unfortunately poor. Given the number of concerns arisen, this



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