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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors have postulated a hypothesis, that BRAF inhibitor induced colonic polyps may arise due to activation of the serrated pathway. The writing is excellent and the paper is worthy of publication as a hypothesis generating work. I have two comments: 1. While the idea is interesting, the evidence supporting this presently limited. The paper would benefit from suggestions for future scientific investigation to confirm this hypothesis, rather than skipping this step to suggest molecular treatment. 2. The paper is very "gene heavy" and probably would be difficult for the general readership of the journal to read and understand. Nevertheless I think this paper should be published if the editor feels it is suitable.