

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Reviewer's code: 03001816

Reviewer's country: United States

Science editor: Jia-Ping Yan

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
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publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The writing needs editing; it is full of errors. My comment concerns the RT-PCR. Is there any data that demonstrate whether the RNA used is DNA free? Trizol isolation is not necessarily going to get rid of all the DNA, and I do not see any indication that any



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subsequent DNase step was performed. Therefore, is there any negative control, such as doing the RT-PCR but skipping the RT step? If the RNA is really DNA free, then performing PCR directly on the RNA should not yield a band. Can the authors comment on this, at least? If they have any of these RNA samples left over, showing that no product is formed without the RT step would be helpful.

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

Google Search:

- ☐ The same title
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- ☐ Plagiarism
- ☒ No

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This is an interesting manuscript investigating the role of circPIP5K1A in colon cancer and its effects on modulation of cancer development. Besides some minor grammatical errors, this is a well written article with a robust outcome. Minor language corrections



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