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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a valuable retrospective study. But the authors collected 17 blood samples of patients treated with regorafenib or 6 healthy volunteers, the samples are not enough. I suggest the authors collect more samples of patients and healthy volunteers. Meanwhile, the authors evaluate more cytokines such as ILs.

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript is a retrospective cohort study about the relationship between some circulating cytokines and the clinical outcome in mCRC patients treated with regorafenib. As the authors mentioned, this is a “proof of concept” study. The number of patients is very low but this is expected in forth and fifth line treatment in mCRC. They demonstrated that a cytokine signature may be predictive for the response to regorafenib, if validated in future trials. Avoiding ineffective treatments is a clinically important issue. I recommend some minor changes: How was the primary site of 9 colon cancer patients (right or left)? In the Discussion section, citation of references should be corrected as [17-19] and [20-22] in place of [17-18-19] and [20-21-22] respectively. Figures are informative and nice.

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