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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors investigate the MSI status and hMLH1 methylation in CRC Filipino patients by High Resolution Melting (HRM) analysis and using bisulfite conversion and methylation specific PCR (MS-PCR). The result found that hMLH1 methylation and high MSI status have prognostic value. In general, this study is well designed and the manuscript is well written, while based on the shortcomings of this paper, it is suggested to retry after revision. The specific comments are as follows that can be considered by authors: 1) Line 252 What does "or /" mean? 2) Line 314 "35" can be "35%". 3) Line 356 There are two "of". 4) Line 369 needs a "." at the end of the sentence. 5) Line 522 "difference" can be "Difference". 6) Line 523 Suggest deletion of "As indicated also in the".