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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The signet ring cell carcinoma is an uncommon subtype of CRC, and it is characterized by abundant intracytoplasmic mucin pushing the nucleus aside. In spite of fast development of treatment methods recently, signet ring cell carcinoma is still regarded as a different clinical entity due to its shorter survival compared with adenocarcinoma. There is limited information available regarding the survival and prognostic factors of signet ring cell carcinoma in CRC patients. And there was no nomogram to predict the outcome of signet ring cell carcinoma patients with SRCC. In this study, Kou et al built effective nomograms for predicting overall survival and cause-specific survival of CRC patients with signet ring cell carcinoma. Overall, this study is well designed. The patient selection is reasonable, and the methods are clearly described. In the results section, the patient characteristics and survival outcomes and also, the risk stratification are analyzed. Those results are very interesting, and well discussed. The limit of the study is also discussed. In general, the reviewer recommends to accept this manuscript for publication after a minor revision. Comments: 1. The manuscript requires a minor editing. Some minor language polishing should be corrected. 2. Figures are informaive, however, the images are too small. Please check and update. 3. In the tables, please delete the frames which mean no data. 4. References are updated.