Reviewer's report

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No further major comments. My previous suggestions for clarifications and further discussion appear to have been addressed adequately.

1. The authors made changes to the grammar as I suggested to the wrong sentence in para. 1 of the Background section. The sentence "Approximate 30% of stages I-II..." should be changed back to "Approximately 30% of stages I-II...". The sentence in this paragraph that begins "Approximate 30% of all CRC recurrences..." should be changed to "Approximately 30% of all CRC recurrences..."

2. para 1, Background section. Correct the grammar of this sentence. "CEA is a widely used tumor markers worldwide in CRC [3]."

3. In para. 3, Background section. The sentence "In the current study, SNCG level as assessed by immunohistochemistry of tumor sections is an independent prognostic factor of a shorter DFS and OS for colon cancer patients." should be changed to "In the current study, SNCG level as assessed by immunohistochemistry of tumor sections is demonstrated to be an independent prognostic factor of a shorter disease free survival (DFS) and overall survival (OS) for colon cancer patients."

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.