Reviewer's report

Title: SOX2 Expression Correlates with Lymph-Node Metastases and Distant Spread in Right-Sided Colon Cancer

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The authors have taken into considerations all the criticisms raised by this Referee and have amended the manuscript accordingly.

Specifically

Point #1: Informations about the correlation between tumours with a negative SOX2 expression and clinico-pathological parameters have been provided.

Point #2: A specific request about SOX2 levels in the cytosol and normal mucosa has been addressed with the addition of a new figure and a paragraph in the results section.

Point #3: Data regarding the correlation of SOX2 and beta-catenin with a series of clinico-pathological features have been presented in Table 1.

Point #4: As indicated by this Referee, a mistake was present in Table 1 and in the text. This has been modified.

Point #5: A whole paragraph on the functional relationship between SOX2 and beta-catenin has been added to the Discussion as suggested.

Point #6: The suggestion of a marker-combination of SOX2 and beta-catenin has been considered.

Point #7: The correlation with other stem cell markers has been discussed.

Point #8: The correlation was limited to tumours of the right colon; this is now more clear.

In conclusion, the Authors have revised the manuscript adding more informations and data, modified the figures and Tables so to improve it and meet the requirement for publication according to this Reviewer's opinion. The language still needs some revisions.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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' below.