Reviewer’s report

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General
The authors have responded to the most comments and have changed the manuscript accordingly.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None-

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Another alternative to DNA sequencing is immunohistochemical analysis of tissues using antibodies raised against C-terminal domain of APC to detect protein truncation. The IHC analysis might help them to avoid all the difficulties associated with DNA extraction from paraffin-embedded tissue.

What next?: Accept after discretionary 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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.