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Dear Iratxe Puebla,

Thank you for accepting our manuscript "A Procedure for the Detection of Linkage with High Density SNP Arrays in a Large Pedigree with Colorectal Cancer" for publication in BMC Cancer. Below you will find a point-by-point description of the changes made in the manuscript.

- The granted ethical approval has been described in the last sentence of the first subsection of the Methods section.

- The yellow highlighting has been removed from the manuscript.

- The text under 'Competing interests' has been changed into: 'The authors declare that they have no competing interest'.

- The discretionary revisions of reviewer 1 are answered by adding a sentence at the end of the first paragraph on page 4, on the estimated computation time for one-shot linkage analysis with SNP arrays in a large family. And secondly, we adjusted the third sentence in the conclusion section, as well as the second sentence of the conclusion section in the abstract.
- The authors' affiliations have been adjusted on the title page.

- The bibliography has been adjusted and now fulfills all criteria.

Yours sincerely,

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