Reviewer’s report

Title: Local IGFBP-3 mRNA expression, apoptosis and risk of colorectal adenomas

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General
The topic of this study is novel and the goals are well defined. The methods appropriate and well described, the data sound and well controlled. The manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data. The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found.

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

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)
It would be helpful to see representative images of gels with amplified products and microscopy images of apoptotic cells.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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