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Reviewer's report:

In the first review on this manuscript there were two major compulsory revisions asked from my side:
(I) The biggest issue comes from the fact that the authors expanded their former findings in IBD tissues to premalignant and malignant colorectal tissues. The correlation between inflammatory changes of membrane adhesion properties and IBD on the one hand and tumor development on the other hand has not been addressed properly in the discussion part – this must be done in order to clarify the findings of the authors.

This point has to an acceptable degree been addressed by the authors.

(II) Since the manuscript deals with IPCs – either the authors must clarify whether these cells are similar to or the same as tumor-infiltrating B cells which have
been described by other groups, too. Or they must clearly state if and why they consider those cells different than tumor-infiltrating B cells. This point has not been addressed properly.

We agree with the referee and have added this detail into the text, as suggested.

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

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.

In accordance with the referee’s comment, the language has been corrected by a mother tongue.

In accordance with the editorial suggestions, we added the following information: Competing interests, Authors’ contributions, Acknowledgements, Funding

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