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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting and well written study on droplet digital PCR for quantification of ITGA6 in a stool mRNA assay for the early detection of colorectal neoplasms. I just have 2 concerns: 1) The authors state that the samples were used in a previous study. Could they provide evidence that the ethical protocol of the previous study covered the present analyses as well (or that it has been amended) 2) Please add more details on the statistical analysis (Kruskal-Wallis). Did the authors perform a post-hoc test to compare single samples?

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Well written paper. Please present the original data in the form of tables as well. Also please elaborate the basics and role of ITGA6 and ITGA6A in colorectal cancer rather than straight jumping into the analytical methods as readers may not appreciate your work. Overall impressive work. But, needs minor revisions