

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: I have no comments to underline

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The study is very interesting and proposes a new methodology for data analysis. I suggest the authors include in the discussion the importance of the study in clinical practice, as CRC is one of the most feared complications among patients with IBD. The authors could also include in the discussion more data on miRNAs associated with CCR in patients with IBD, citing existing studies and even presenting the miRNAs identified in their own study.

- Reply: This is a very useful suggestion. We are in agreement with the reviewer and have added a little paragraph in the manuscript approaching those lines. Unfortunately, we could not include miRNAs identities this time since the work we present herein is the computational/numerical part of a much larger clinical project. The optimal miRNAs signatures are being right now in phase of experimental validation in order to file a patent in the next future.

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