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In the version of this article initially published, the affiliation for Chiara Pozzi, Sara Gandini and Davide Serrano was given as the European Institute of Oncology. The correct affiliation is IEO, European Institute of Oncology IRCCS. In addition, the data for age, BMI and sex were missing from Table 1 for the HanniganGD\_2018 dataset, and consequently for the totals of all datasets. These data are given in Table 1 here. The errors have been corrected in the HTML and PDF versions of the article.

**Table 1 | Size and characteristics of the large-scale CRC metagenomic datasets included in this study**

Dataset	Groups (n)	Age (mean ± s.d.)	BMI (mean ± s.d.)	Sex F(%) / M(%)	Country	No. of reads (×10 <sup>9</sup> )
HanniganGD_2018 (ref. <sup>31</sup> )	Control (28)	55.46 ± 9.4	26.63 ± 5.1	60.7/39.3	USA (54), Canada (28)	0.5
	Adenoma (27)	61.74 ± 10.8	27.36 ± 4.45	40.7/59.3		
	CRC (27)	58.6 ± 10.9	30.41 ± 7.5	25.9/74.1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>Control (308)</b>	<b>62.01 ± 3.7</b>	<b>25.4 ± 1.4</b>	<b>43.5/56.5</b>		<b>45.6</b>
	<b>Adenoma (143)</b>	<b>63.88 ± 1.9</b>	<b>26.8 ± 1.1</b>	<b>40.5/59.5</b>		
	<b>CRC (313)</b>	<b>64.67 ± 3.8</b>	<b>25.8 ± 1.7</b>	<b>33.5/66.5</b>		

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