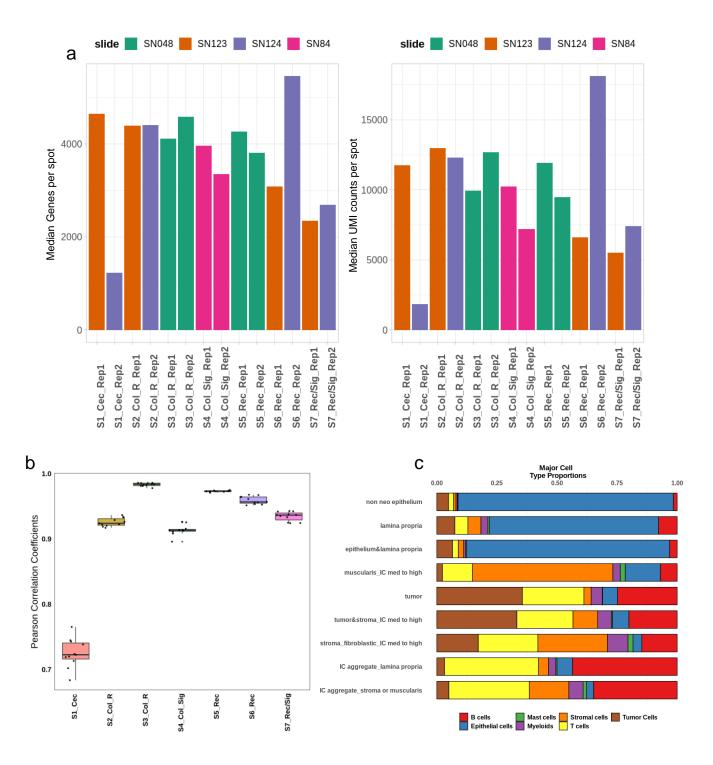
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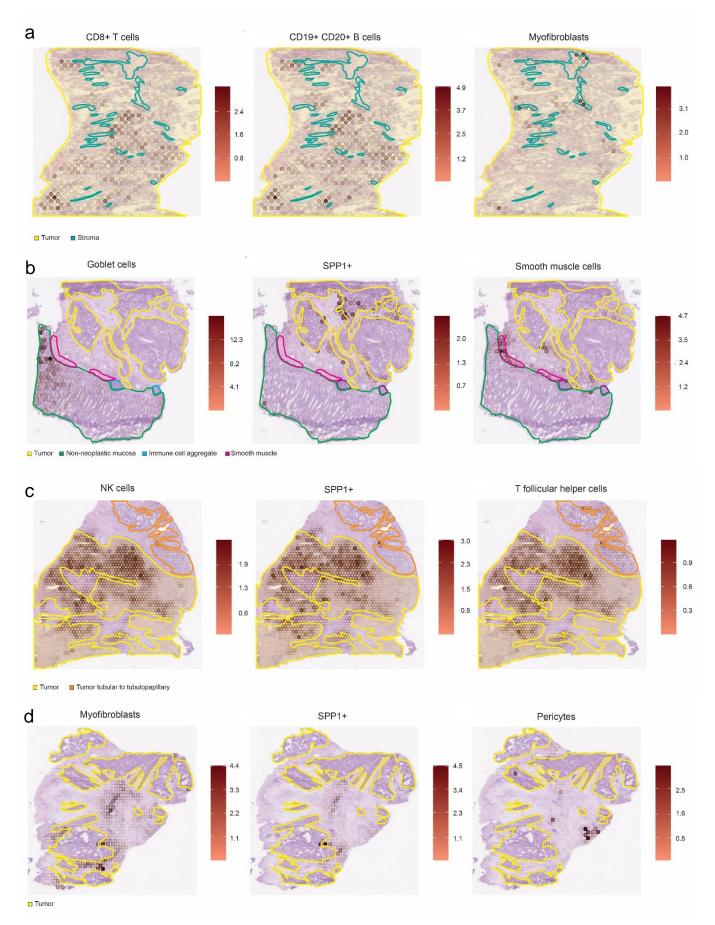
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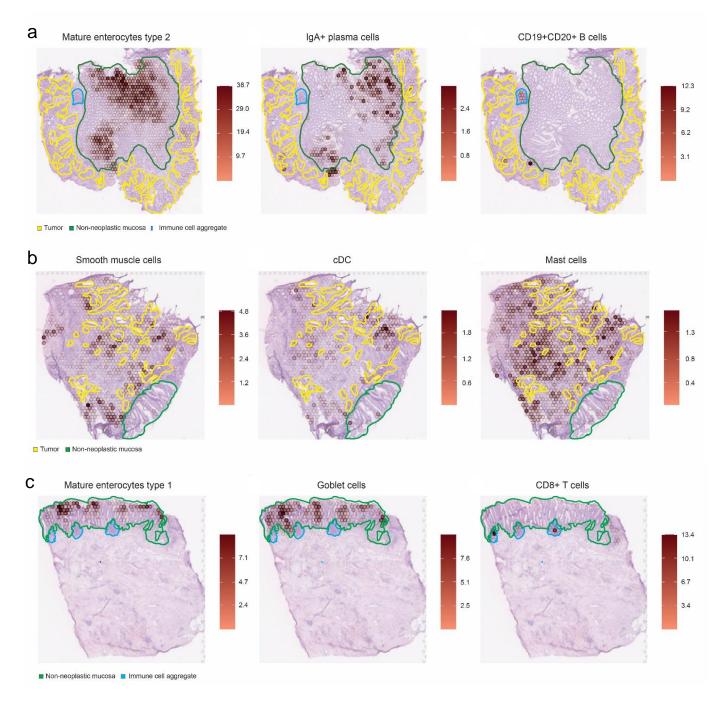
1. Supplementary Figures



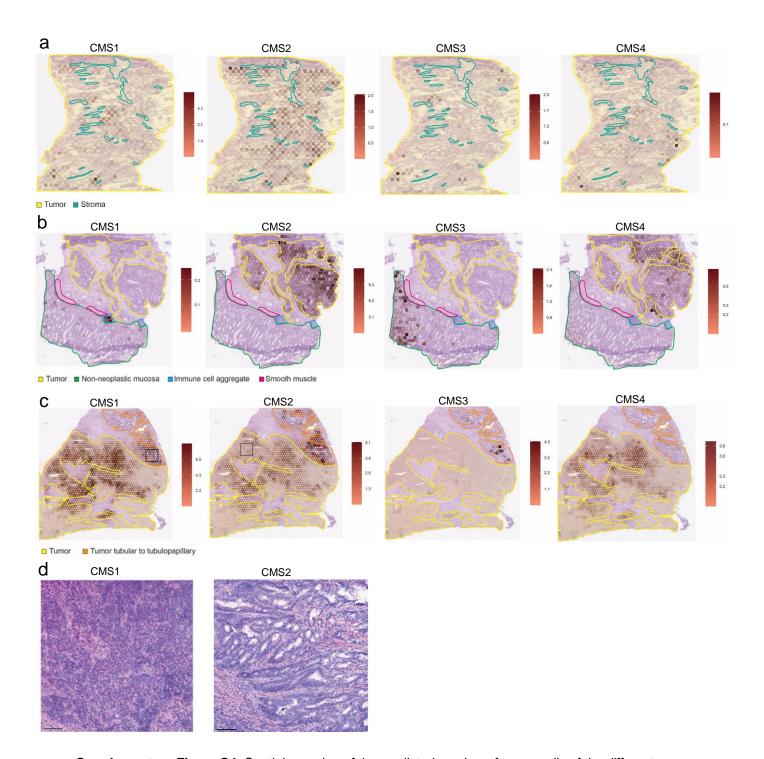
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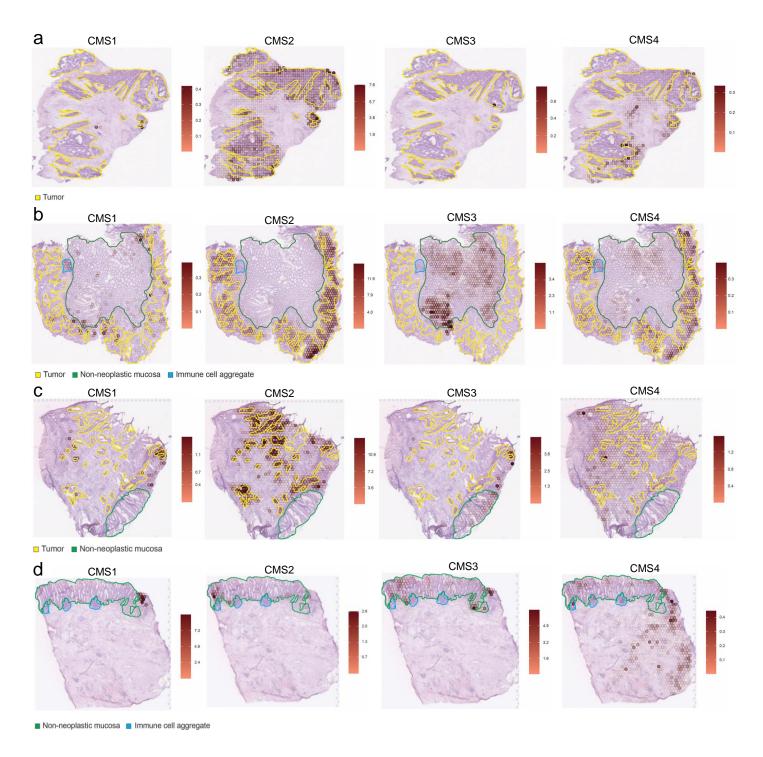
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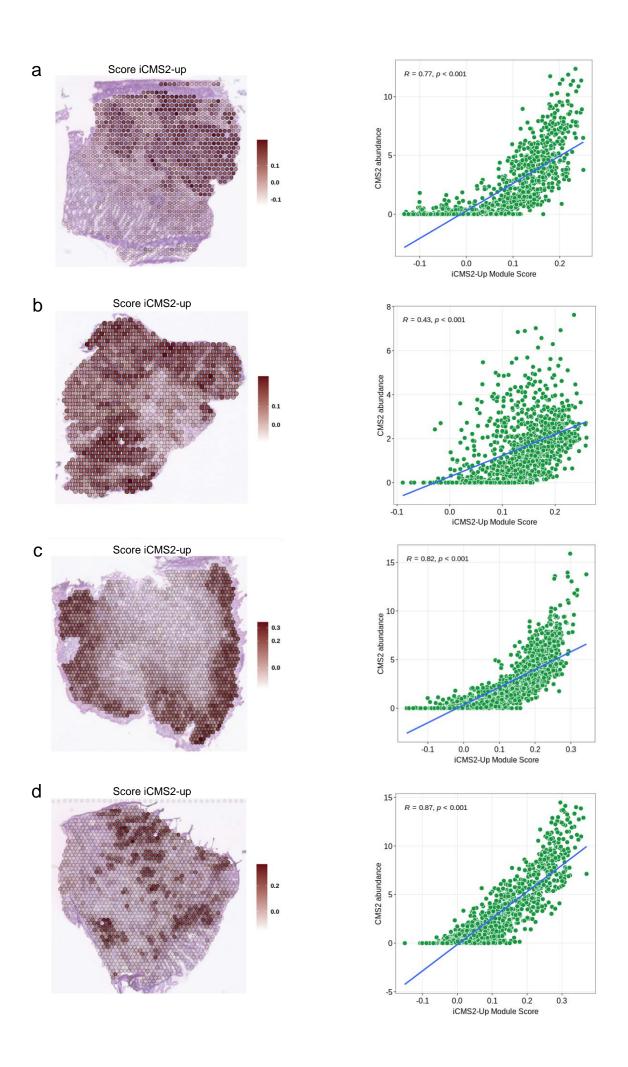
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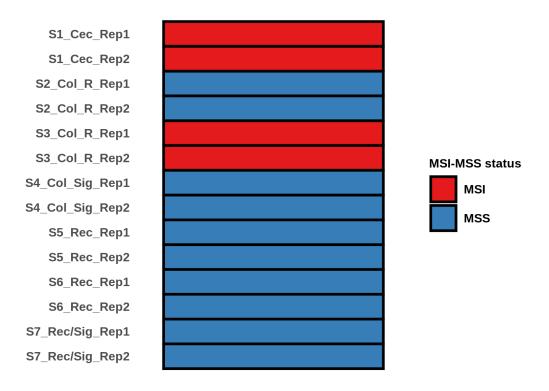
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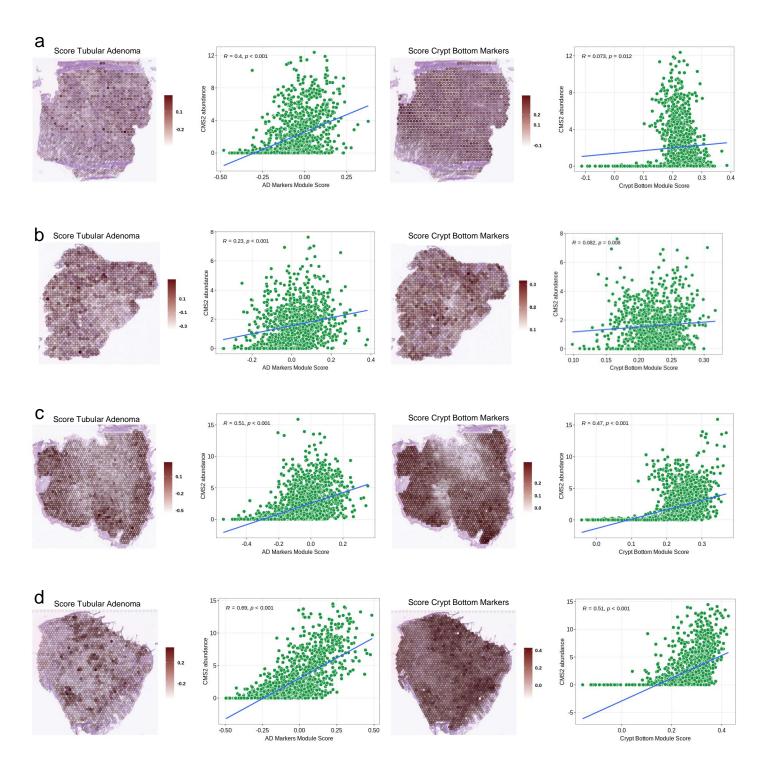
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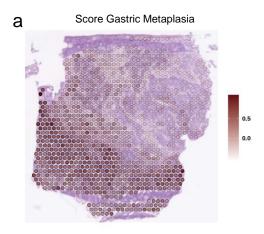
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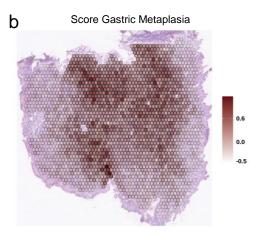


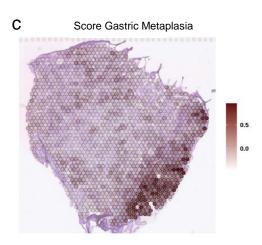
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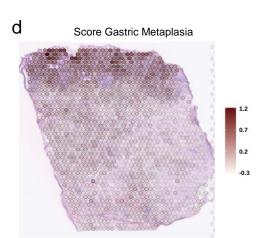


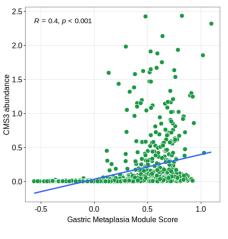
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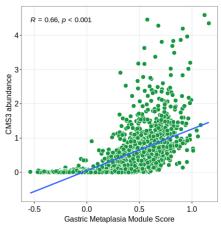


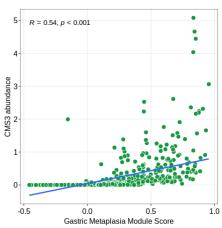


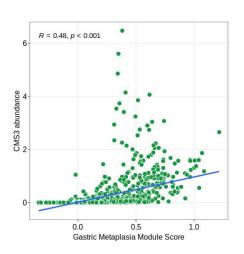




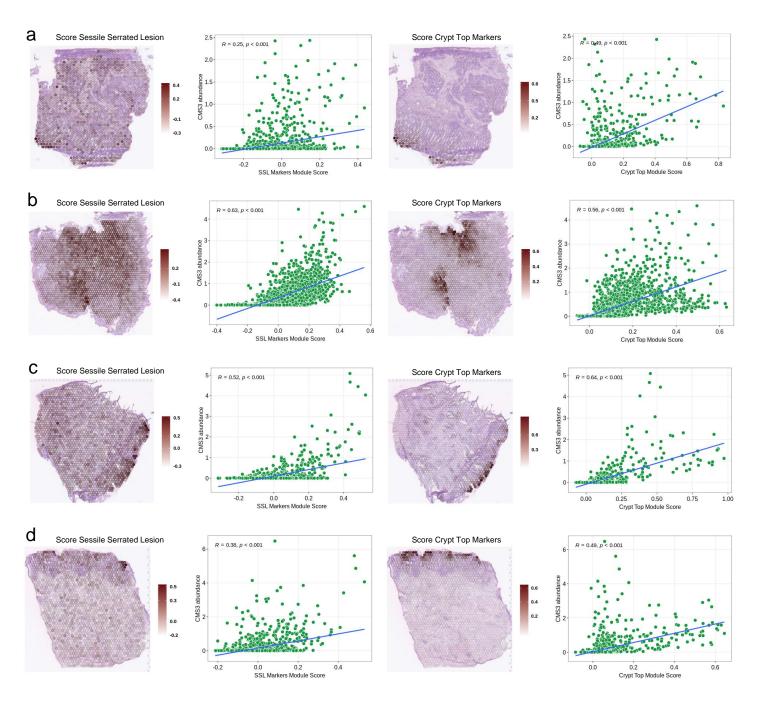




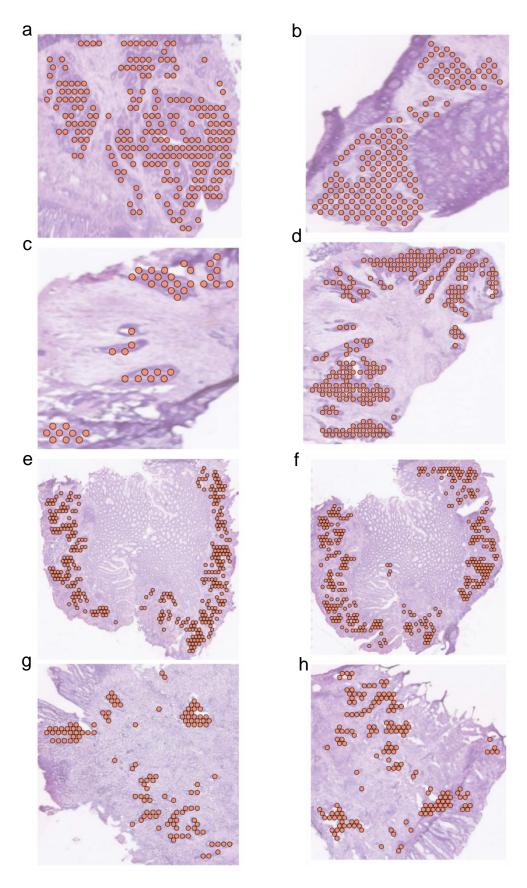




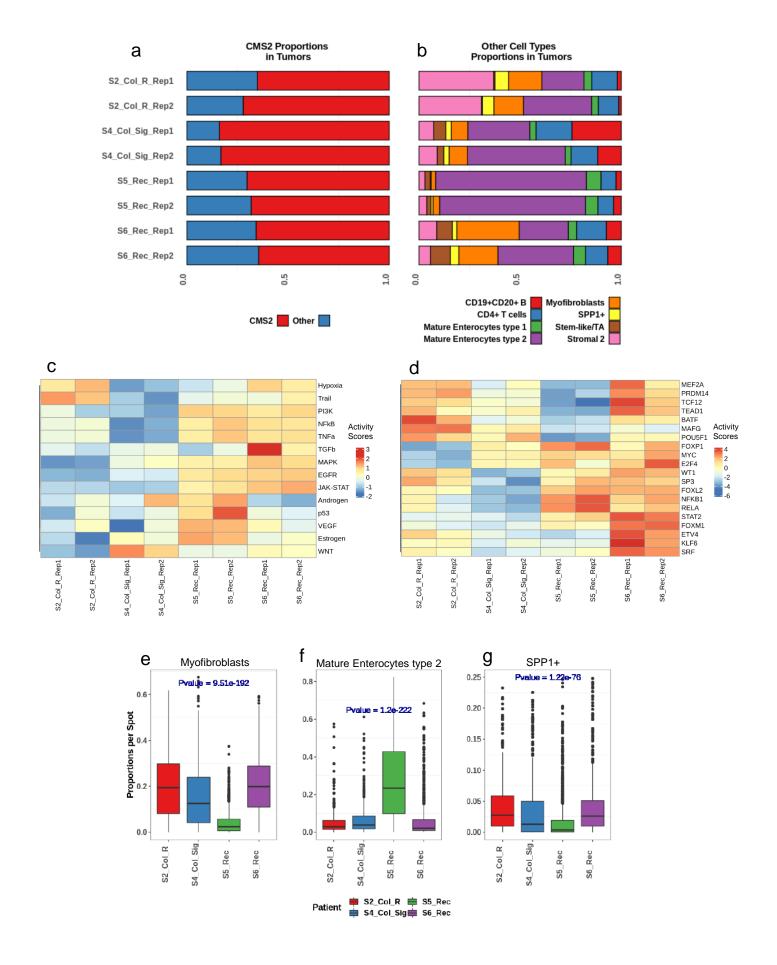
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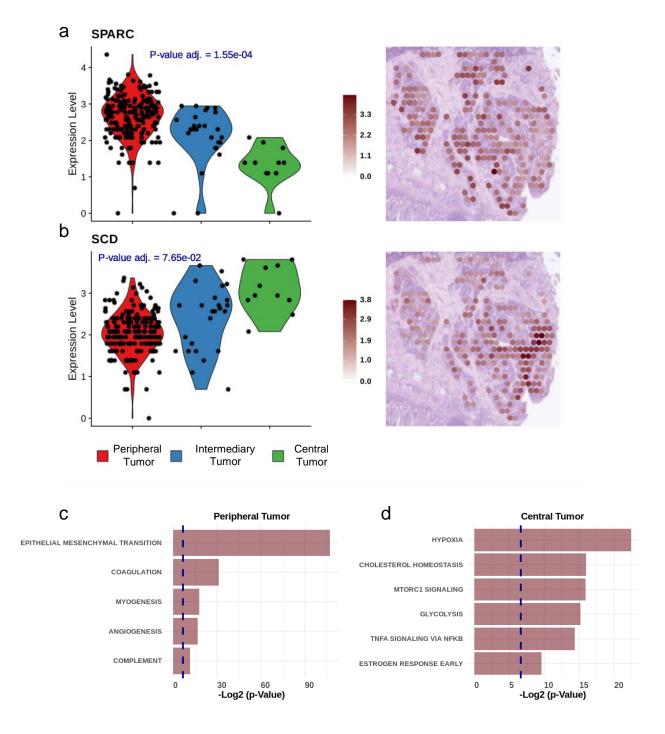
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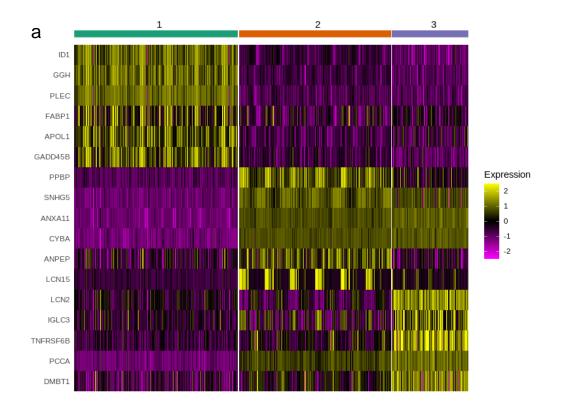
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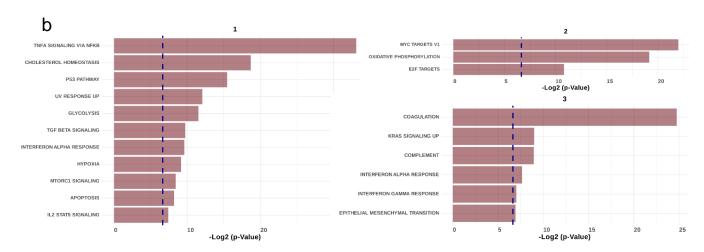


Supplementary Figure S12: Cell type proportions in the tumor-annotated spots per sample as estimated by the results of the deconvolution: a) CMS2 proportions as compared to all the remaining cell types considered in the study, and b) proportions of the most relevant cell types within CMS2 tumors excluding CMS2 cells. Differential c) pathway and d) TF activity computed on pseudo-bulk RNA-seq generated from the tumor-annotated spots for the different CMS2 samples. e) myofibroblast, f) mature enterocytes type 2, and g) SPP1+ macrophages proportions per spot in the tumor neighborhood of the different patients (both replicates considered) as estimated by the results of the deconvolution approach. A Kruskal-Wallis statistical test was performed to assess whether the cell type proportions for the different samples originated from the same distribution (p-value).

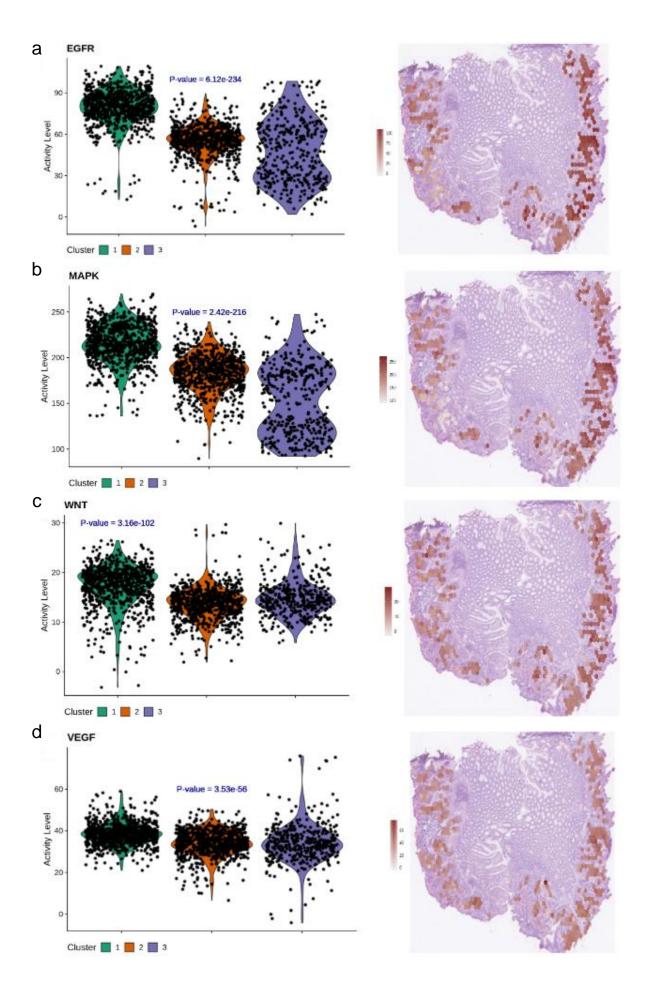


Supplementary Figure S13: Gene expression gradients of a) SPARC and b) SCD in the different anatomical regions of tumor-annotated spots in the S2_Col_R_Rep1 sample. A Wilcoxon rank sum test was conducted to assess the significance of the gene expression variation (p-value adjusted). c,d) Significant enrichment results (p-value<0.01) on the differentially expressed genes between the different anatomical regions of the CMS2 tumor in sample S2_Col_R_Rep1.

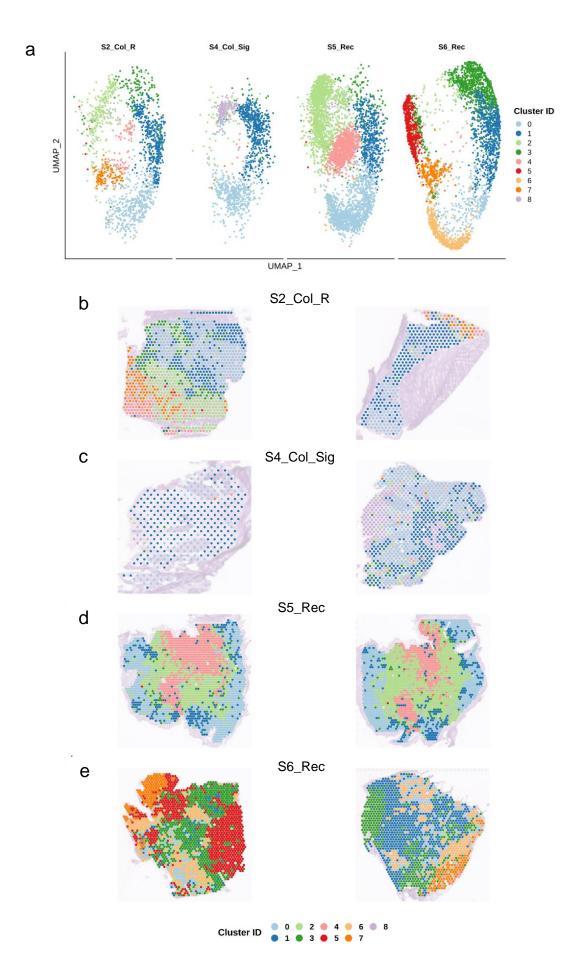




Supplementary Figure S14: a) Heatmap displaying the differentially expressed genes with a larger fold-change per group between the different subclusters within the CMS2 tumor-annotated spots in the S5_Rec_Rep1 sample. For visualization purposes, a maximum of 6 markers are displayed per group; b) Significant enrichment results (p-value<0.01) on all the differentially expressed genes between the aforementioned subclusters.



Supplementary Figure S15: Pathway activities at the enhanced subspot resolution. Per cluster violin plots and spatial distribution for the following pathways: a) EGFR, b) MAPK, c) WNT and d) VEGF in the S5_Rec_Rep1 sample. A Kruskal-Wallis statistical test was performed in each case to assess whether the pathway activities in the different subclusters originated from the same distribution (p-value).

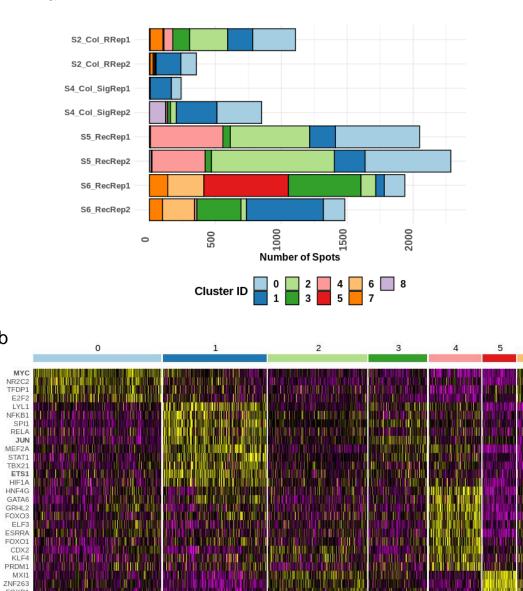


Supplementary Figure S16: a) UMAP embedding of the TF activity profiles for our set of CMS2 samples split by patient with the spots colored by cluster identifiers. Spatial arrangement of these clusters in the samples: b)S2_Col_R, c) S4_Col_Sig, d)S5_Rec, and e) S6_Rec. Both replicates are displayed per patient.

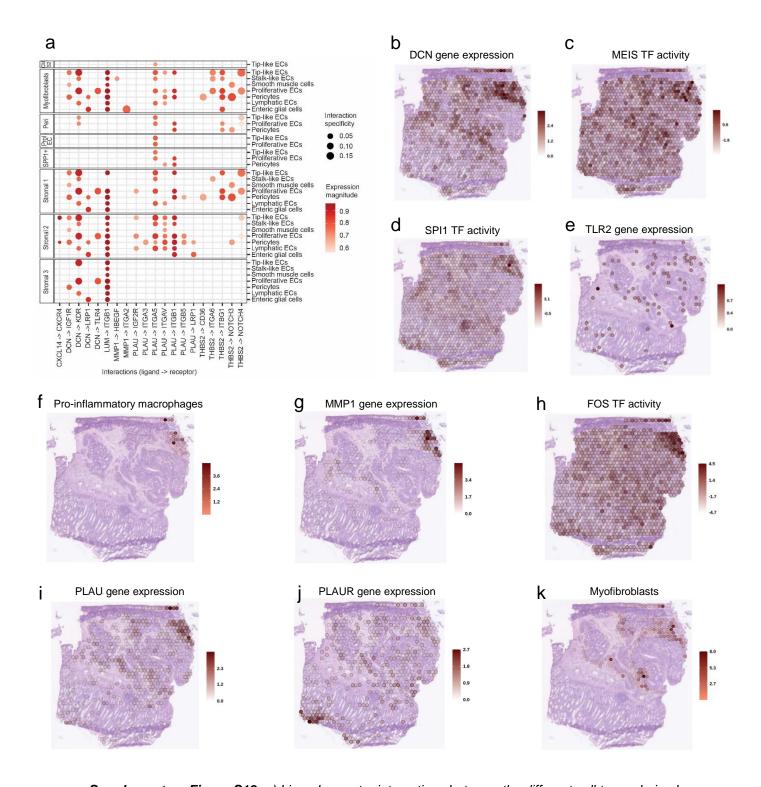
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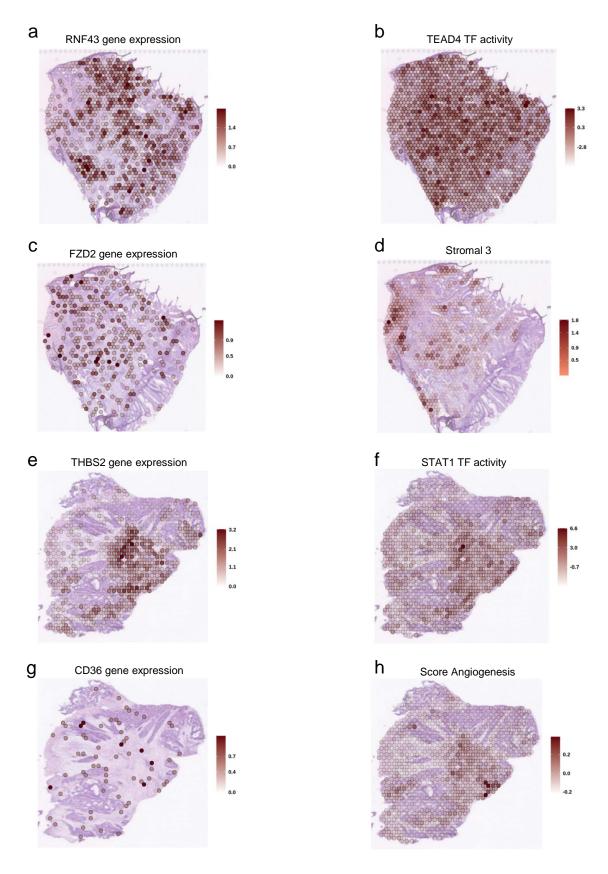
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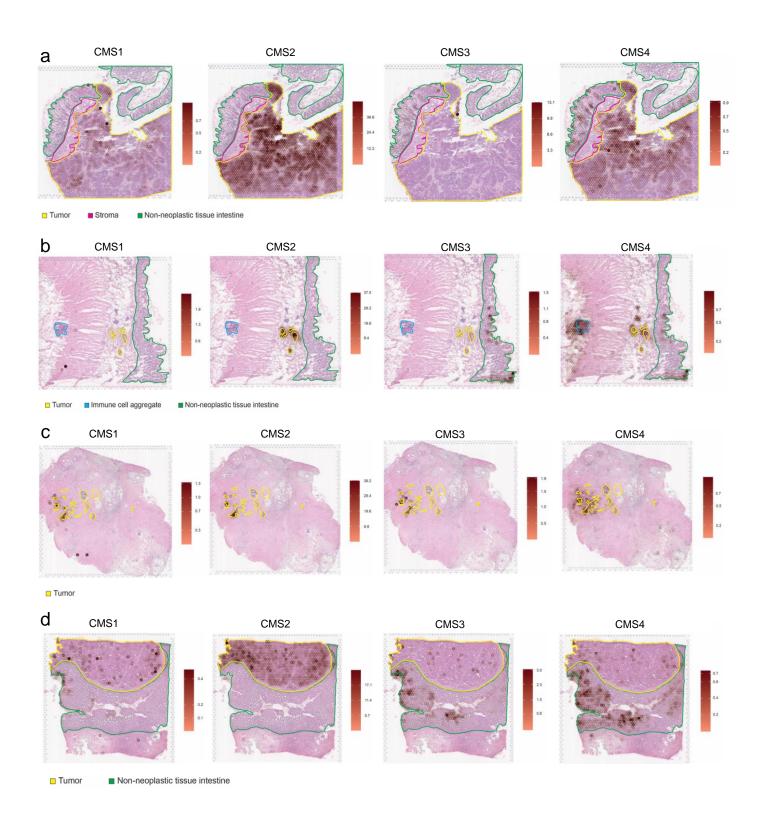
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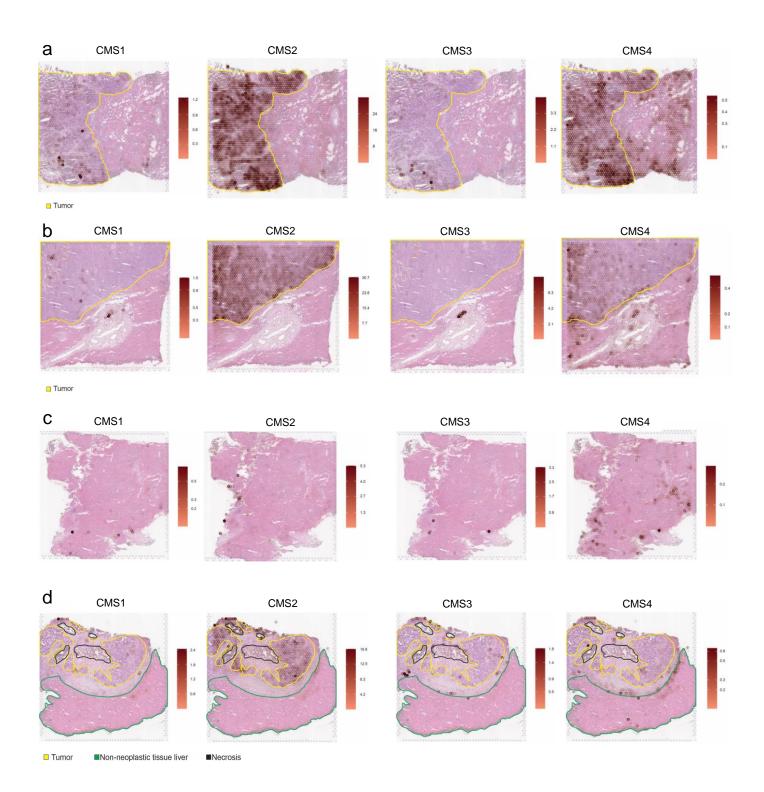
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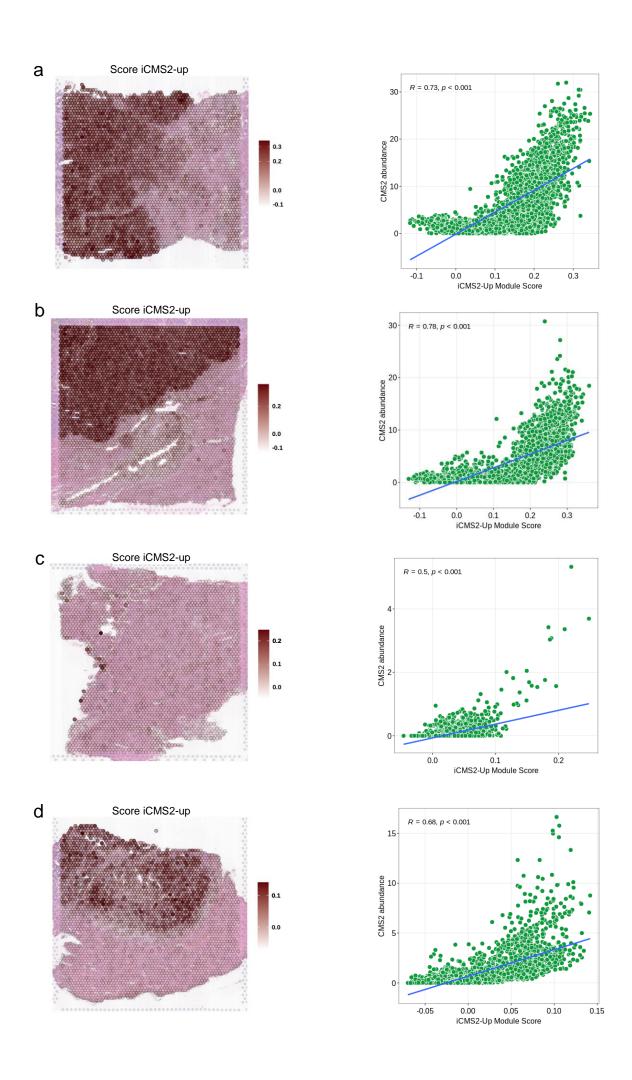
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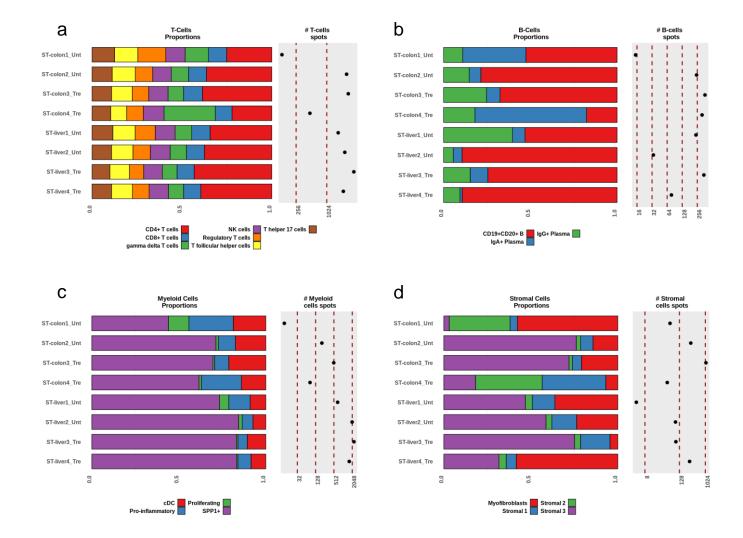
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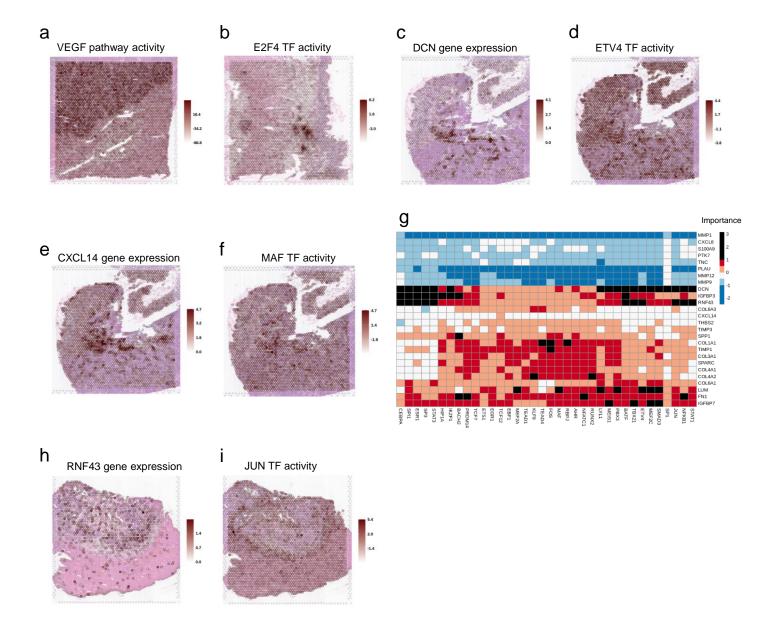
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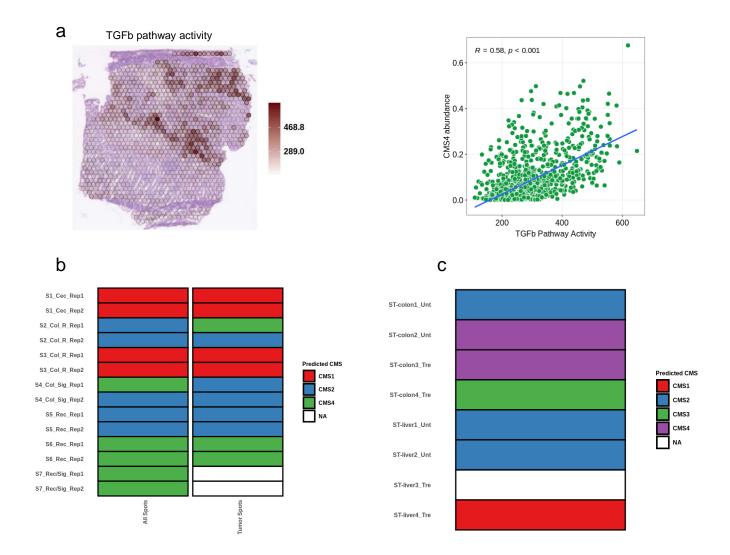
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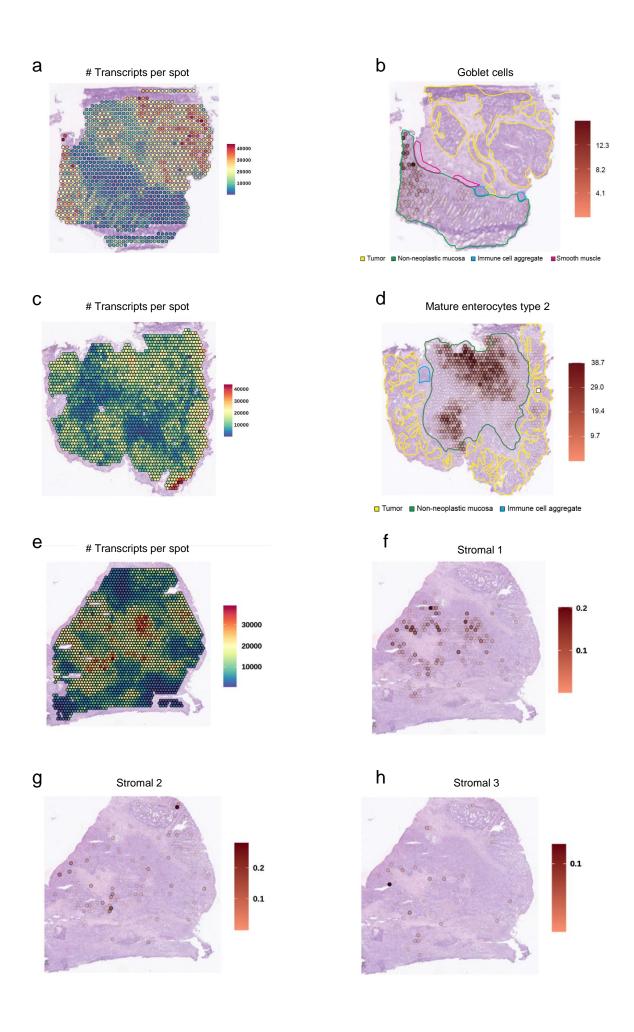
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Supplementary Figure S24: Spatial mapping of: a) the VEGF pathway activity in the ST-liver2_Unt sample, and b) the E2F4 TF activity in the ST-colon2_Unt sample. Spatial mapping of: c) DCN gene expression, d) ETV4 TF activity, e) CXCL14 gene expression, and f) MAS TF activity in the ST-colon1_Unt sample; g) Misty results showing the potential importance of ligands (rows) expression on TF (columns) activity when considering the samples with hepatic metastasis of CRC tumors. The ligand-TFs relationships with an importance score over 1 are represented as black slots and were considered as relevant. Spatial mapping of: h) RNF43 gene expression and i) JUN TF activity in the ST-liver4_Tre sample.



Supplementary Figure S25: a) Spatial mapping of the estimated TFGb pathway activity for the sample S2_Col_R_Rep1. Pearson's correlation between this activity and the deconvolution-predicted CMS4 abundance is also shown; b) Predicted CMS classification resulting from applying CMScaller on pseudo-bulk RNA-seq generated by either pooling together all the spots or only the tumor annotated spots for each of our CRC samples; c) Predicted CMS classification resulting from applying CMScaller on pseudo-bulk RNA-seq generated by pooling together all the spots from the external ST CRC dataset.



Supplementary Figure S26: Spatial mapping of a) the number of transcript per spot, and b) the predicted abundance of goblet cells for the S2_Col_R_Rep1 sample. Spatial mapping of: c) the number of transcript per spot, and d) the predicted abundance of mature enterocytes type 2 cells for the S5_Rec_Rep1 sample. It is to note that the regions of the non-neoplastic mucosa showing a lower number of transcripts per spot were accordingly predicted to have a reduced amount of goblet cells and mature enterocytes type 2. Pathologist's tissue annotations are also displayed for clarification. Spatial mapping of the number of transcript per spot (e) and the predicted abundance of the different stromal main populations, excluding myofibroblasts, (f-h) for the S3_Col_Rep1 sample. The regions with lower number of transcripts match with stromal morphological features, however non stromal abundance was mapped into those areas.

2. Supplementary Tables

Cell type	Cell subtype	Comments	Number of Cells	Genes used for deconvolution
B cells	CD19+CD20+ B	B lymphocytes	3733	38
B cells	IgA+ Plasma	B lymphocytes	7305	7
B cells	IgG+ Plasma	B lymphocytes	6404	15
Epithelial cells	CMS1	Tumor cells	1201	412
Epithelial cells	CMS2	Tumor cells	10771	620
Epithelial cells	CMS3	Tumor cells	5486	228
Epithelial cells	CMS4	Tumor cells	11	22
Epithelial cells	Goblet cells	Normal epithelial cells	305	176
Epithelial cells	Intermediate	Normal epithelial cells	139	131
Epithelial cells	Mature Enterocytes type 1	Normal epithelial cells	3546	182
Epithelial cells	Mature Enterocytes type 2	Normal epithelial cells	1755	172
Epithelial cells	Stem-like/TA	Normal epithelial cells	181	14
Mast cells	Mast cells	Normal epithelial cells	108	186
Myeloids	cDC	Conventional dendritic cells	187	43
Myeloids	Pro-inflammatory	Pro-inflammatory Macrophages	213	77
Myeloids	Proliferating	Proliferating Macrophages	131	73
Myeloids	SPP1+	SPP1+ Macrophages	1155	305
Stromal cells	Enteric glial cells		2399	55
Stromal cells	Lymphatic ECs	Lymphatic Endothelial Cells	171	239

Stromal cells	Myofibroblasts		44	521
Stromal cells	Pericytes		3097	32
Stromal cells	Proliferative ECs	Proliferative Endothelial Cells	3252	168
Stromal cells	Smooth muscle cells		214	151
Stromal cells	Stalk-like ECs	Stalk-like Endothelial Cells	438	99
Stromal cells	Stromal 1		406	618
Stromal cells	Stromal 2		1045	94
Stromal cells	Stromal 3		394	171
Stromal cells	Tip-like ECs	Tip-like Endothelial Cells	868	381
T cells	CD4+ T cells	T lymphocytes	620	25
T cells	CD8+ T cells	T lymphocytes	1978	28
T cells	gamma delta T cells	T lymphocytes	917	265
T cells	NK cells	Natural Killer T lymphocytes	445	248
T cells	Regulatory T cells	T lymphocytes	2181	16
T cells	T follicular helper cells	T lymphocytes	482	200
T cells	T helper 17 cells	T lymphocytes	996	37

Supplementary Table S1: Cell types and subtypes as annotated in the scRNA-seq used as reference for the deconvolution process. We show the number of cells per type in that dataset and the number of genes used for deconvolution. We additionally include a column with comments for further clarification. Of Note: there are also groups of Myeloid, B cells and T cells annotated as unknown at the cell subtype level.

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HEDGEHOG_SIGNALI NG	5/168	34/4153	0.0109591	0.2012755	0.1906821	AMOT/ADGRG1/PTCH1/CDK6/VEGFA		
MYC_TARGETS_V1	15/168	196/4153	0.0120765	0.2012755	0.1906821	SNRPD1/HSP90AB1/CCT4/ACP1/CCT 7/PCBP1/YWHAQ/RAD23B/YWHAE/X PO1/GSPT1/SET/SSBP1/EIF4H/RNPS 1		
Patient: S4_Col_S	ig							
WNT_BETA_CATENIN _SIGNALING	6/81	40/4153	0.0001033	0.0044404	0.0040219	NKD1/AXIN2/KAT2A/CCND2/AXIN1/H DAC5		
MTORC1_SIGNALING	10/81	198/4153	0.0046955	0.1009540	0.0914394	PPIA/CYB5B/PHGDH/NUPR1/SQSTM 1/CCT6A/EIF2S2/MCM4/HSPD1/SQLE		
MYC_TARGETS_V1	9/81	196/4153	0.0132326	0.1896669	0.1717913	PPIA/CBX3/EIF2S2/POLD2/MCM4/HN RNPA2B1/GNL3/HSPD1/SRSF2		
Patient: S5_Rec								
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E2F_TARGETS	14/90	198/4153	0.0000722	0.0015530	0.0013687	MYC/TFRC/DCTPP1/KPNA2/CDC25B/ RAN/NME1/AURKA/NOP56/SNRPB/C SE1L/PRDX4/DEK/HMGB3		
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CHOLESTEROL_HOM EOSTASIS	3/24	74/4153	0.0084017	0.1302267	0.1282368	ERRFI1/CXCL16/TNFRSF12A		

Supplementary Table S2: Significant enrichment results (q<0.2) on the differentially expressed genes between the CMS2 tumors of the different patients. **GeneRatio** indicates the number of DEG belonging to the enriched category versus the total number of DEG for that patient. **BgRatio** describes the number of genes in the background belonging to the enriched category versus the total number of background genes. **geneID** details the DEG matching the enriched category.

ID	Gene Ratio	BgRatio	pvalue	p.adjust	qvalue	genelD			
Region: Outer Tumor									
EPITHELIAL MESENCHYMAL TRANSITION	44/97	188/3726	0	0	0	COL6A2/SPARC/FBLN1/FN1/COL3A1/ LUM/MGP/COL1A1/COL1A2/THY1/BG N/TAGLN/TIMP3/POSTN/SFRP4/VCA N/ACTA2/COL5A2/VIM/HTRA1/CCN1/ DCN/FSTL1/GREM1/TPM2/COL4A1/C ALD1/IGFBP4/FLNA/CTHRC1/MMP2/ DPYSL3/COL4A2/COL6A3/TIMP1/MY L9/ELN/LGALS1/COL5A1/THBS2/IGF BP3/FBLN2/ITGB1/NID2			
COAGULATION	17/97	102/3726	0	0	0	C3/SPARC/FN1/MMP11/APOC1/C1R/ MMP9/TIMP3/CTSK/A2M/C1S/HTRA1/ MMP2/TIMP1/SERPING1/PECAM1/CT SB			
MYOGENESIS	15/97	148/3726	0.0000044	0.0000561	0.0000513	COL6A2/SPARC/COL3A1/COL1A1/TA GLN/IGFBP7/TPM2/AEBP1/COL15A1/ COL4A2/COL6A3/LSP1/IGFBP3/WWT R1/ITGB1			
ANGIOGENESIS	7/97	30/3726	0.0000081	0.0000773	0.0000706	COL3A1/LUM/POSTN/VCAN/COL5A2/ FSTL1/TIMP1			
COMPLEMENT	13/97	167/3726	0.0003201	0.0024328	0.0022239	C3/FN1/APOC1/C1R/TIMP2/C1S/COL 4A2/TIMP1/SERPING1/PRCP/ANXA5/ CTSB/CTSD			

Region: Intermediary Tumor

No significant results

Region: Inner Tumor							
HYPOXIA	19/102	177/3726	0.0000002	0.0000083	0.0000067	ATF3/P4HA1/VEGFA/LDHA/BHLHE40/ SLC2A1/P4HA2/DDIT4/ENO1/NDRG1/ ALDOA/JUN/PGK1/TPI1/MIF/ALDOC/I ER3/GAPDH/SULT2B1	
CHOLESTEROL HOMEOSTASIS	10/102	70/3726	0.0000153	0.0002581	0.0002081	SCD/ATF3/LDLR/FASN/ALDOC/ACTG 1/ACSS2/CYP51A1/S100A11/LGALS3	
MTORC1 SIGNALING	17/102	196/3726	0.0000165	0.0002581	0.0002081	INSIG1/SCD/P4HA1/LDHA/BHLHE40/ SLC2A1/LDLR/DDIT4/ENO1/BTG2/AL DOA/UCHL5/PGK1/TPI1/GAPDH/CYP 51A1/SERP1	
GLYCOLYSIS	16/102	183/3726	0.0000273	0.0003207	0.0002586	P4HA1/VEGFA/LDHA/P4HA2/DDIT4/E NO1/TFF3/PKM/ELF3/SDHC/ALDOA/ PGK1/TPI1/MIF/IER3/CLDN3	
TNFA SIGNALING VIA NFKB	16/102	191/3726	0.0000465	0.0004370	0.0003523	CCL20/ATF3/AREG/VEGFA/EGR3/BH LHE40/LDLR/BTG2/EGR1/JUN/SNN/Z C3H12A/IER3/TNFAIP2/BIRC3/IFIT2	
ESTROGEN RESPONSE EARLY	13/102	183/3726	0.0012558	0.0098369	0.0079312	AREG/EGR3/BHLHE40/SLC2A1/TFF3/ FASN/ELF3/TFF1/KCNK5/SULT2B1/S LC22A5/MUC1/PEX11A	

Supplementary Table S3: Significant enrichment results (p-value <0.01) on the differentially expressed genes between the different anatomical regions of the CMS2 tumor in the S2_Col_R_Rep1 sample. **GeneRatio** indicates the number of DEG belonging to the enriched category versus the total number of DEG for that patient. **BgRatio** describes the number of genes in the background belonging to the enriched category versus the total number of background genes. **geneID** details the DEG matching the enriched category.

ID	Gene Ratio	BgRatio	pvalue	p.adjust	qvalue	genelD		
Region: Sub-Cluster 1								
TNFA SIGNALING VIA NFKB	49/410	200/4346	0	0	0	TRIB1/CXCL1/AREG/PLAUR/NFKBIE/RHOB/KYNU/CXCL3/KLF4/GADD45B/MXD1/MYC/JAG1/FOS/BCL3/LDLR/JUNB/JUN/ATF3/LIF/MCL1/ZFP36/BHLHE40/IRF1/CEBPD/CCNL1/ZC3H12A/KLF10/IER3/CXCL2/IER2/B4GALT1/RNF19B/CDKN1A/ID2/DUSP2/PHLDA2/KLF6/NFE2L2/EDN1/LAMB3/TAP1/DUSP1/NFKBIA/BTG1/TGIF1/VEGFA/BTG2/NR4A1		
CHOLESTEROL HOMEOSTASIS	21/410	74/4346	0.0000024	0.0000585	0.0000427	PLAUR/FDFT1/PLSCR1/ANTXR2/SQL E/ACTG1/CLU/FABP5/S100A11/FDPS/ JAG1/HMGCS1/LDLR/MAL2/ATF3/HM GCR/LGALS3/ERRFI1/NSDHL/CYP51 A1/TMEM97		
P53 PATHWAY	37/410	196/4346	0.0000224	0.0003660	0.0002673	GPX2/TOB1/TM4SF1/ITGB4/HINT1/IR AK1/PROCR/RAP2B/EPHA2/KLF4/MX D1/SDC1/NDRG1/TXNIP/FOS/PRMT2/ JUN/EPS8L2/ATF3/LIF/STEAP3/IER3/ RNF19B/CDKN1A/SFN/SLC7A11/PLX NB2/AK1/CTSD/TAP1/VAMP8/SEC61A 1/BTG1/CEBPA/DDIT4/BTG2/ZFP36L1		
UV RESPONSE UP	29/410	156/4346	0.0002339	0.0028652	0.0020927	GGH/DGAT1/ATP6V1C1/GRINA/OLFM 1/EPCAM/RHOB/STK25/IGFBP2/POL R2H/FOS/DNAJA1/DNAJB1/JUNB/ATF 3/IRF1/FKBP4/FURIN/CXCL2/HLA-F/S PR/WIZ/TAP1/TUBA4A/GLS/NFKBIA/B TG1/BTG2/NR4A1		
GLYCOLYSIS	34/410	198/4346	0.0003366	0.0032983	0.0024090	PPP2CB/IDH1/HSPA5/AK3/SDC1/QS OX1/EGFR/MET/GPC4/ELF3/CHPF/H DLBP/FKBP4/MDH1/B3GNT3/IER3/C HPF2/B4GALT1/IL13RA1/ENO1/HK2/R BCK1/DSC2/NSDHL/SLC16A3/GCLC/ TGFBI/AURKA/SOX9/STMN1/CLDN3/ PYGB/VEGFA/DDIT4		
TGF BETA SIGNALING	13/410	54/4346	0.0011700	0.0090233	0.0065906	ID1/SLC20A1/SPTBN1/FNTA/JUNB/FK BP1A/KLF10/FURIN/ID2/THBS1/ID3/S KIL/TGIF1		
INTERFERON ALPHA RESPONSE	19/410	96/4346	0.0012890	0.0090233	0.0065906	LY6E/HLA-C/LGALS3BP/PLSCR1/IFI2 7/PROCR/IFI35/GBP4/TXNIP/PARP14/ PSME2/OGFR/IRF1/LAP3/PARP9/ADA R/CD47/TAP1/IL4R		
HYPOXIA	32/410	200/4346	0.0017387	0.0106494	0.0077783	ANXA2/GAA/PLAUR/JMJD6/HSPA5/N DRG1/GRHPR/FOS/EGFR/GPC4/JUN /ATF3/ZFP36/BHLHE40/HDLBP/IER3/ ENO1/CDKN1A/IDS/HK2/SLC2A1/ER RFI1/PFKL/KLF6/TGFBI/DUSP1/ILVBL /BTG1/PLAC8/VEGFA/DDIT4/SELENB P1		
MTORC1 SIGNALING	31/410	198/4346	0.0028992	0.0157847	0.0115291	IFRD1/ACSL3/SQLE/IDH1/HSPE1/HS PA5/HSPD1/SORD/HMGCS1/LDLR/G SR/GLA/BHLHE40/SLC1A5/CCT6A/P SME3/HMGCR/ENO1/CDKN1A/HK2/S LC2A1/SLC7A11/PFKL/CYP51A1/ACL Y/TMEM97/GCLC/TUBA4A/AURKA/D DIT4/BTG2		
APOPTOSIS	26/410	159/4346	0.0034054	0.0166862	0.0121876	SLC20A1/TSPO/PEA15/RHOB/HSPB1		

						/CLU/GADD45B/BCAP31/TXNIP/DNAJ A1/GSR/JUN/ATF3/MCL1/IRF1/TIMP1/ IER3/CDKN1A/LGALS3/PMAIP1/SPTA N1/ERBB2/TAP1/CDC25B/IFNGR1/BT G2
IL2 STAT5 SIGNALING	30/410	199/4346	0.0059433	0.0264748	0.0193371	PLEC/MYO1C/ITGAV/ITGA6/CAPG/PL SCR1/RHOB/GADD45B/MXD1/GBP4/ MYC/NDRG1/NFKBIZ/CDCP1/CTSZ/A HCY/ARL4A/PRNP/LIF/BHLHE40/SLC 1A5/HUWE1/FURIN/ST3GAL4/HK2/TN FRSF21/ANXA4/KLF6/IL4R/IFNGR1
Region: Sub-Cluste	er 2					
MYC TARGETS V1	17/88	196/4346	0.0000002	0.0000101	0.0000093	HNRNPA1/PA2G4/TFDP1/RRM1/HPR T1/DEK/NDUFAB1/CLNS1A/NAP1L1/S LC25A3/LDHA/SYNCRIP/NPM1/RNPS 1/SNRPD2/PCNA/COX5A
OXIDATIVE PHOSPHORYLATION	16/88	200/4346	0.0000017	0.0000359	0.0000333	COX6A1/ATP5MG/CS/NDUFAB1/COX 4I1/SLC25A5/ATP5F1B/SLC25A3/LDH A/NDUFC2/MRPL11/UQCRC2/COX5A/ ATP5F1C/LDHB/FDX1
E2F TARGETS	12/88	198/4346	0.0005546	0.0077642	0.0071998	PA2G4/HMGB2/DEK/NAP1L1/SMC1A/ HMGA1/DCTPP1/SYNCRIP/MCM3/TM PO/PCNA/TP53
Region: Sub-Cluste	er 3					
COAGULATION	12/51	138/4346	0	0.0000013	0.0000011	CFB/MMP3/C2/FN1/MMP1/C3/C1R/SE RPINA1/PLAU/CTSK/MMP2/A2M
KRAS SIGNALING UP	8/51	199/4346	0.0019551	0.0235473	0.0198293	CFB/TMEM176A/PIGR/TMEM176B/C CL20/MAP7/IGFBP3/PLAU
COMPLEMENT	8/51	200/4346	0.0020183	0.0235473	0.0198293	CFB/C2/FN1/C3/MMP12/C1R/S100A9/ SERPINA1
INTERFERON ALPHA RESPONSE	5/51	96/4346	0.0049834	0.0436049	0.0367199	IFITM3/IFITM2/NCOA7/IFI30/CD74
INTERFERON GAMMA RESPONSE	7/51	198/4346	0.0077083	0.0474365	0.0399466	CFB/SOD2/IFITM3/IFITM2/C1R/IFI30/ CD74
EPITHELIAL MESENCHYMAL TRANSITION	7/51	200/4346	0.0081320	0.0474365	0.0399466	MMP3/FN1/MMP1/TNC/IGFBP3/CXCL 8/MMP2

Supplementary Table S4: Significant enrichment results (p-value <0.01) on the differentially expressed genes between the different sub-clustered regions of the CMS2 tumor in the S5_Rec_Rep1 sample. **GeneRatio** indicates the number of DEG belonging to the enriched category versus the total number of DEG for that patient. **BgRatio** describes the number of genes in the background belonging to the enriched category versus the total number of background genes. **geneID** details the DEG matching the enriched category.

Pathologist's spot categorization						
Category	Categorization criteria					
non neoplastic epithelium	>90% non neoplastic epithelial cells					
submucosa	>90% submucosa					
epithelium&submucosa	epithelium and submucosa: mixed spots 10-90% epithelium, 10-90% submucosa					
tumor	>90% neoplastic epithelial cells					
stroma_fibroblastic_IC low	fibroblast rich, collagen poor stroma, IC <10%, low nuclear density					
stroma_fibroblastic_IC med	20- 50% IC, moderate nuclear density, HE: myofibroblast-like morphology					
stroma_fibroblastic_IC high	51- 80% IC, high nuclear density					
stroma_desmoplastic_IC low	fibroblast poor, collagen rich stroma, IC <10%, low nuclear density					
stroma_desmoplastic_IC med to high	IC >10%, low to moderate nuclear density					
tumor&stroma_IC med to high	mixed spots, <90% tumor, <90% stroma, IC in stroma 20-90%					
tumor&stroma_IC low	mixed spots, <90% tumor, <90% stroma, IC in stroma <10%					
IC aggregate_submucosa	follicular immune cell aggregates>90% IC					
IC aggregate_stroma or muscularis	follicular immune cell aggregates>90% IC					
muscularis_IC med to high	smooth muscle cells, IC content 20-90%					
exclude	spots of poor tissue quality or not classifiable					

Supplementary Table S5: Pathologist's spot categorization and categorization criteria. Each spot was manually assigned to a category in the HE stained OCT tissue section the Loupe Browser. IC=immune cells

	Semiquantitative pathologist's grading and assessment of the deconvolution results									
Patient	CMS1	CMS2	CMS3	CMS4	Selected immune features	Selected stroma features				
S1_Cec A551763	++	++	(+)	-	+ CD8 T cells + CD19/CD20 B-Cells	++ Myofibroblasts				
S2_Col_ R A59568 8	-	+++	*	(+)	+ SPP1-positive MA + Pro-inflammatory MA + CD4 T-cells + Treg + IgG Plasma	++ Myofibroblasts (perilobular) + Stroma 1 (non-neoplastic EP) ++ Stroma 2 (intralobular) + Stroma 3 (perilobular)				
S3_Col_ R A416371	+++	++	(+)	(+)	+ SPP1-positive MA +++ CD8 T cells +++ CD19/CD20 B-cells + NK cells	(+) Myofibroblasts 80% of stroma without signature				
S4_Col_ Sig A12083 8	-	+++	-	(+)	+ SPP+ MA	++ Myofibroblasts (+) Stroma 2 (intralobular) + Stroma 3 50% of the stroma without signature				
S5_Rec A121573	(+)	+++	*	(+)	Immune poor	(+) Myofibroblasts + Stroma 1 (non-neoplastic EP) (+) Stroma 2 (non-neoplastic EP and neoplastic)				
S6_Rec A938797	(+)	+++	*	(+)	+ SPP1-positive MA + Mast cells + CD4, CD8, T-reg, T-foll helper + CD19/20 B-cells + IgG plasma cells	+++ Myofibroblasts + Stroma 1 (non-neoplastic EP and neoplastic) ++ Stroma 2 ++ Stroma 3				
S7_Rec/ Sig A798015	**	**	*	**	+ Mast cells + IgG plasma cells	++ Myofibroblasts (non-neoplastic CT) + Stroma 2 (non-neoplastic EP) ++ Stroma 3 (non-neoplastic CT)				

Supplementary Table S6: Semiquantitative grading of our set of CRC samples according to the cell type abundance of the different CMS: Selected immune and stromal features are also specified for each sample. MA= macrophages; R=right, EP=epithelium, CT=connective tissue

- (-) Highest percentage of cells in tumor/stroma tissue-associated spots <0.1;
- (+) Percentage of cells per spot 0.2-1 in 10-30% of tumor/stroma tissue-associated spots;
- + Percentage of cells per spot 0.2-1 in 31-50% of tumor/stroma tissue-associated spots;
- ++ Percentage of cells per spot 1-5 in 50-100% of tumor tissue-associated spots;
- +++ Percentage of cells per spot <5 in 50-100% of tumor tissue-associated spots;
- *CMS3 signature (percentage of cells per spot 1-5) in the non-neoplastic mucosa;
- **Low signature (percentage of cells per spot 0.2-1) in the non-neoplastic mucosa/connective tissue.

3. Supplementary Note 1

Comparison of deconvolution results using the scRNA-seq data from the Korean or the Belgian cohort

In the main manuscript, we presented the results of the Cell2Location¹ deconvolution approach when using as reference the cell type annotations from a scRNAseq dataset derived from a Korean cohort of 23 patients. This Korean dataset proceeds from the study by Lee et al.², in which an additional scRNAseq dataset from a Belgian cohort of 6 patients was independently analyzed and annotated. Both datasets present some relevant differences, such as an enrichment of fibroblasts and myeloid cells in the Belgian dataset. Besides, a few cell types were only identified in one of the datasets. This is the case of the tuft cells, which were only detected in the Belgian dataset. Consequently and in line with the original publication, we performed the deconvolution in parallel with each dataset. In this supplementary note, we compared the results yielded by both procedures.

We first compared the deconvolution results across major cell types (Fig. 1). Overall the cell type proportions present similar trends across our set of ST samples when using the references derived from both datasets. However, there are some noticeable and relevant differences. Excluding the sample containing only non neoplastic tissue, there is a predominant increase in the proportions of tumor cells mapped into our samples when using the Belgian cohort. For some samples, the intensification of tumorigenic signals seems to be mainly at the expense of the normal epithelial cells. This is for instance the case in the S5_Rec sample. In other samples, such as in S3_Col_R, there is a marked decrease in the predicted abundance of B cells.

In order to get a better understanding of these discrepancies, we explored the proportions at the cell subtype level. We first focused on the different CMS tumor cell populations (Fig. 2). Overall, the results are highly comparable using either of the two reference datasets. The samples referred to as CMS2 tumors in the main manuscript also display a clear predominance of this tumor cell type when using the Belgian reference. Concretely, the percentages of CMS2 tumor

cells as compared to the total number of tumor cells in these patients were: S2_Col_R (89%), S4 Col Sig (92%), S5 Rec (86%) and S6 Rec (88%). In addition, the S1 Cec (30% and 68%) and S3 Col R (45% and 51%) patients maintain a mixed proportion of CMS1 and CMS2 tumor cells. Interestingly, for the Belgian reference, the samples labeled as CMS2 tumors present a more prominent CMS1 signal, whereas the mixed CMS1-CMS2 tumors display a slight decrease in the proportion of CMS1 cell abundances. To get further insights on these differences, we explored the tumor cell abundance spatial mappings per spot in our samples (Fig. 3-9). As expected from the global tumor proportions, CMS1 cells displayed the most prominent differences between both references. In the samples labeled as CMS2 tumors, the number of predicted CMS1 cells was very limited and did not display a clear spatial distribution when using the Korean reference. However, using the Belgian reference conducted to stronger CMS1 signals overlapping to a considerable degree with the anatomical regions where the presence of CMS2 cells was predicted. In the CMS1-CMS2 mixed tumors, the predicted spatial location of CMS1 cells matched between references. Across our set of samples, the predicted anatomical location of CMS2, CMS3 and CMS4 cells matched to a large extent for both used references. There were nevertheless differences in their estimated abundance, mainly for CMS2, which presented an increased number of cells predicted per spot when using the Belgian reference. This growth in the number of predicted CMS2 tumor cells can account for the global larger proportions of tumor cells detected per sample (see Fig.1).

We subsequently compared the deconvolution results provided by the different references for immune cells. The estimated proportions per sample were highly comparable for T- (Fig. 10) and B-cells (Fig. 11). Despite some discrepancies in the abundance of CD8+ T cells in some samples, such as in S3_Col, their predicted anatomical locations overlapped using either reference dataset (Fig. 12). The comparison between the proportions of myeloid cells was not so straightforward due to differences at the annotations level between both reference datasets (Fig 13). The main difference lies on the SPP1+ macrophages which were split into SPP1+A and SPP1+B macrophages in the annotations of the scRNA-seq dataset derived from the Belgian cohort. Interestingly, SPP1+A and SPP1+B macrophages were mapped to separate anatomical locations in the tumor proximity (Fig 14). Finally, we contrasted the results for the main stromal cell types (Fig 15). The overall results are highly consistent between both reference datasets with some minor but relevant differences. For instance, in the S1_Cec_Rep1 sample, a very limited content of Stromal 1 cells was detected when using the Korean dataset as compared to

the results using the Belgian dataset (Fig 16). Of note, the latter results matched with the regions annotated as stromal by the pathologist.

In summary, there was a large degree of similarity between the deconvolution results using either of the two references. In the context of our study, the most remarkable discrepancies arose from the spatial mapping of CMS1 tumor cells across our set of samples. We hypothesized that the annotations from the Korean dataset allowed the deconvolution to better distinguish between the signatures of CMS1 and CMS2 tumor cells. In samples S2_Col_R, S4_Col_Sig, S5_Rec and S6_Rec, the morphological features and the immune cold landscape of their tumors were suggestive of CMS2 carcinomas. These facts led to our choice of using in the main manuscript the deconvolution results obtained when using as reference the cell type annotations from the Korean cohort. Moreover, the number of individuals (23 versus 6) and annotated cells (65,362 versus 27,971) was larger in the Korean dataset than in the Belgian one, consequently reflecting a more comprehensive and diverse dataset for deconvolution purposes. On the other hand, some stromal populations derived from the Belgian dataset appear to better map their expected anatomical regions in a couple of our ST samples. We presume that the genetic background can have an influence on these results as our samples from German origin are expected to be more similar to the Belgian reference.

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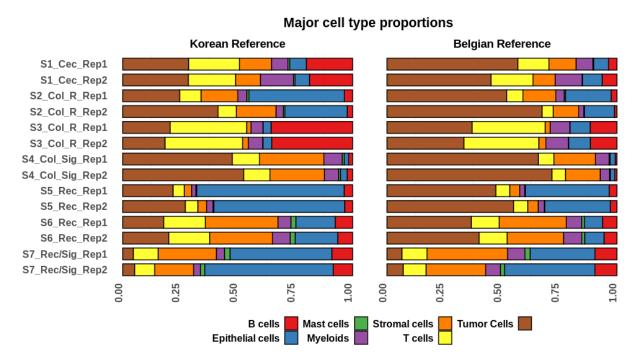


Figure 1: Proportions of major cell classes per sample as estimated by the results of the deconvolution approach when using as reference the scRNA-seq dataset derived from either the Korean or the Belgian cohort.

CMS tumor cell proportions

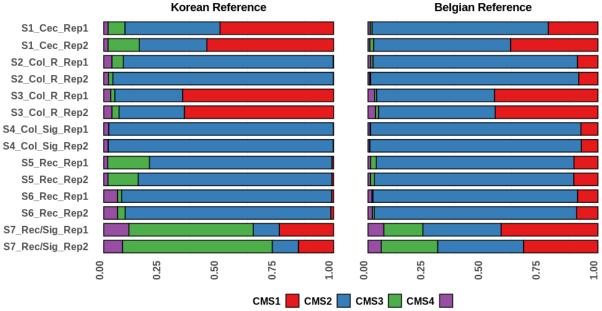


Figure 2: Proportions of CMS tumor cells per sample as estimated by the results of the deconvolution approach when using as reference the scRNA-seq dataset derived from either the Korean or the Belgian cohort.

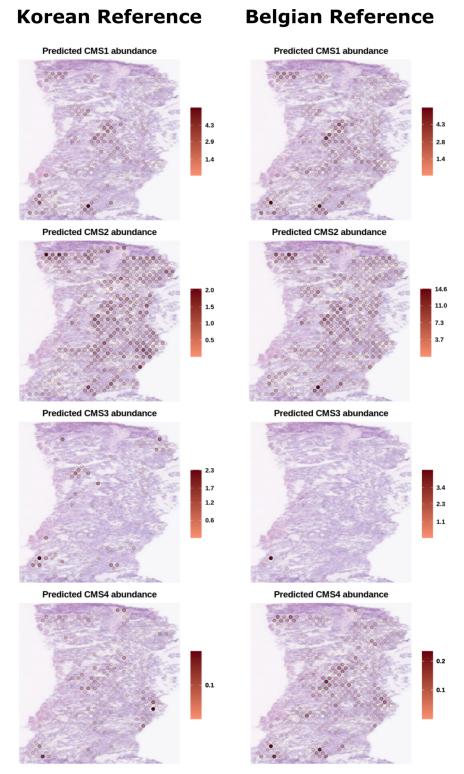


Figure 3: Spatial mapping of the different CMS tumor cell abundances as predicted by the deconvolution when using as reference either the Korean (left panels) or the Belgian (right panels) datasets in the S1_Cec_Rep1 sample.

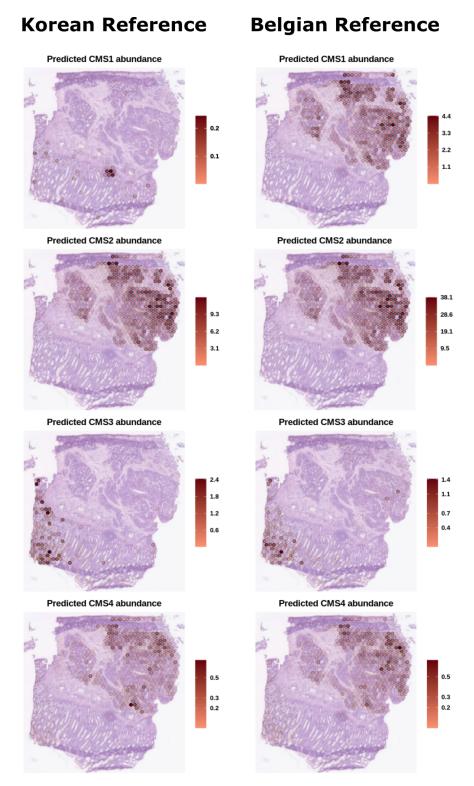


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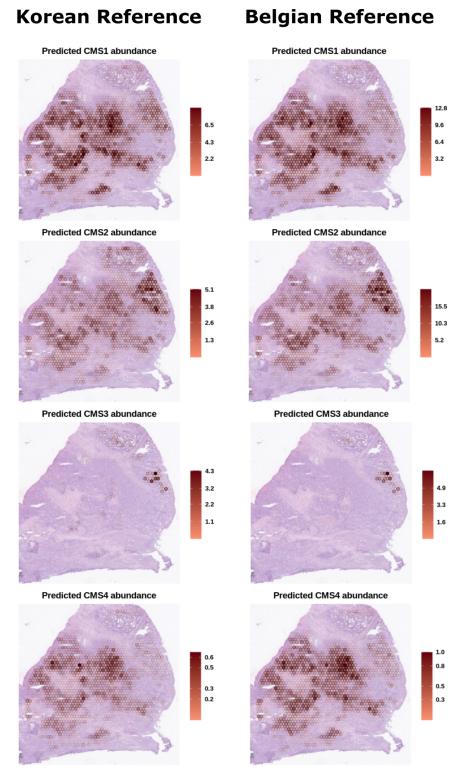


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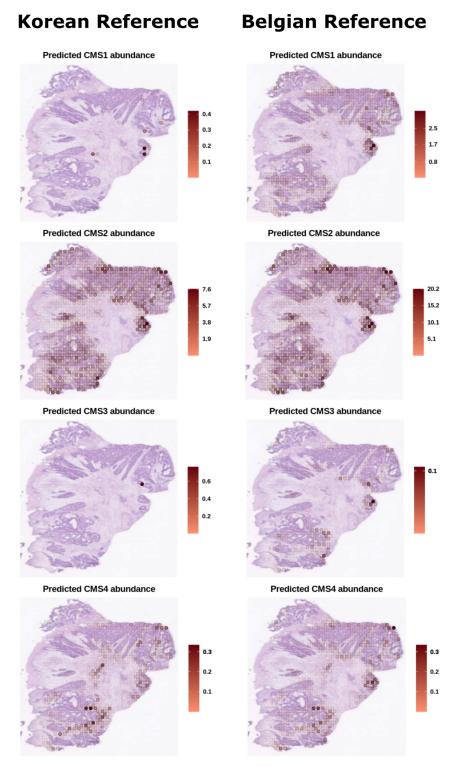


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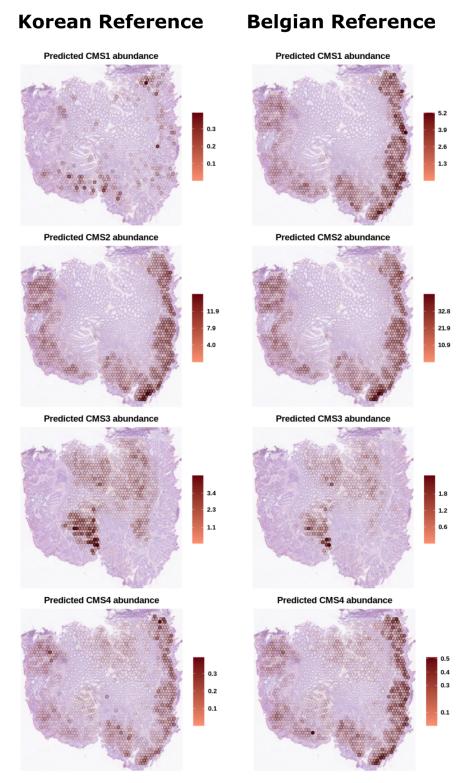


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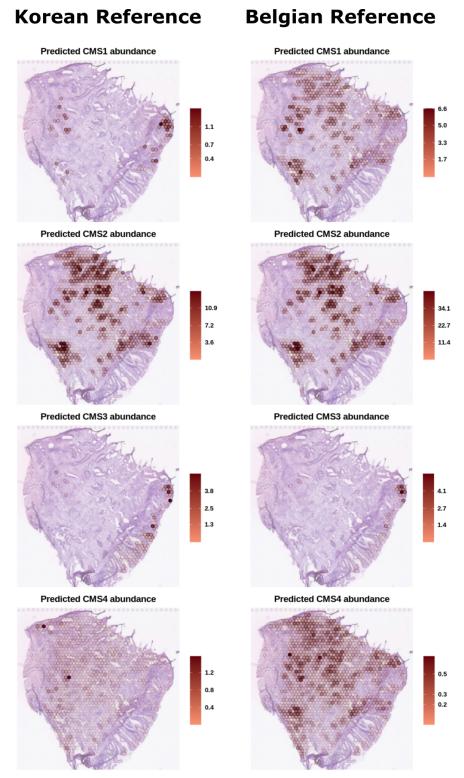


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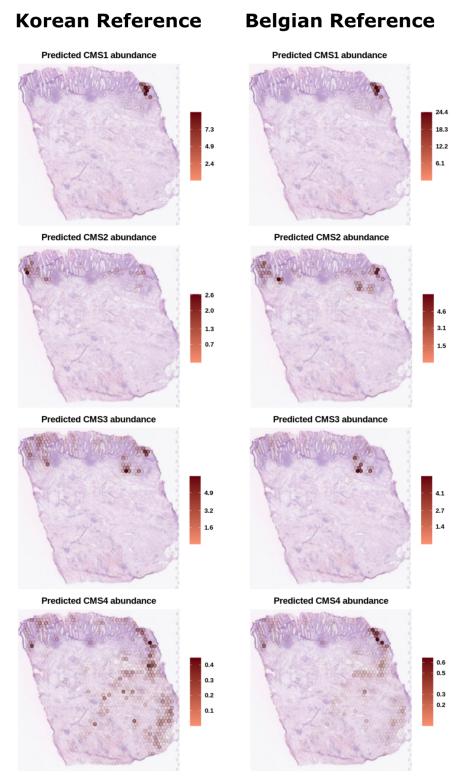


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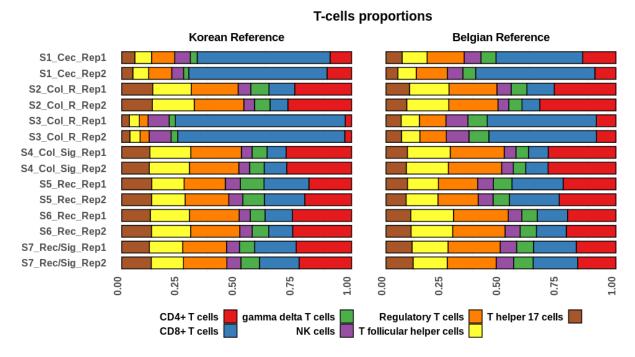


Figure 10: Proportions of T-cells subtypes per sample as estimated by the results of the deconvolution approach when using as reference the scRNA-seq dataset derived from either the Korean or the Belgian cohort.

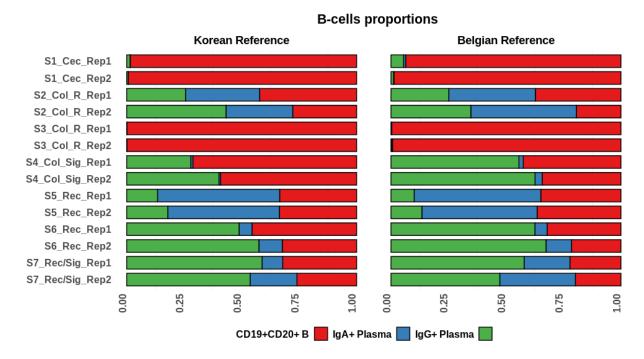


Figure 11: Proportions of B-cells subtypes per sample as estimated by the results of the deconvolution approach when using as reference the scRNA-seq dataset derived from either the Korean or the Belgian cohort.

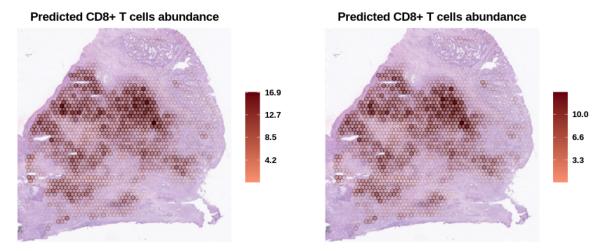


Figure 12: Spatial mapping of the CD8+ T cells abundance as predicted by the deconvolution when using as reference either the Korean (left panel) or the Belgian (right panel) datasets in the S3_Col_Rep1 sample.

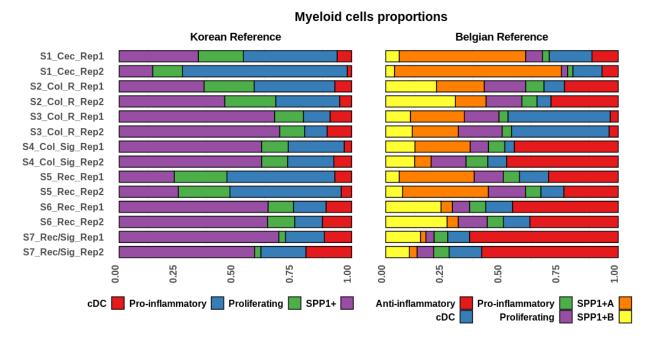


Figure 13: Proportions of myeloid cell subtypes per sample as estimated by the results of the deconvolution approach when using as reference the scRNA-seq dataset derived from either the Korean or the Belgian cohort.

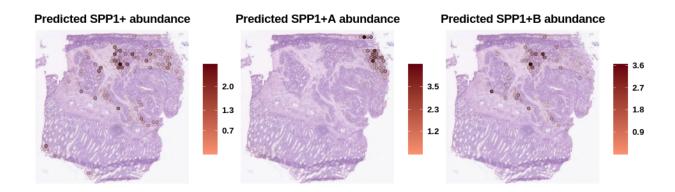


Figure 14: Spatial mapping of the cell abundance of SPP1+ macrophages as predicted by the deconvolution when using as reference either the Korean (left panel) or the Belgian (central and right panels) datasets in the S2_Col_R_Rep1 sample.

Main stromal cells proportions Korean Reference Belgian Reference S1_Cec_Rep1 S1_Cec_Rep2 S2_Col_R_Rep1 S2_Col_R_Rep2 S3_Col_R_Rep1 S3_Col_R_Rep2 S4_Col_Sig_Rep1 S4_Col_Sig_Rep2 S5_Rec_Rep1 S5_Rec_Rep2 S6_Rec_Rep1 S6_Rec_Rep2 S7_Rec/Sig_Rep1 S7_Rec/Sig_Rep2 0.25 0.75 0.75 0.50 0.50 1.00

Figure 15: Proportions of the main stromal cell subtypes per sample as estimated by the results of the deconvolution approach when using as reference the scRNA-seq dataset derived from either the Korean or the Belgian cohort.

Myofibroblasts Stromal 1 Stromal 2 Stromal 3

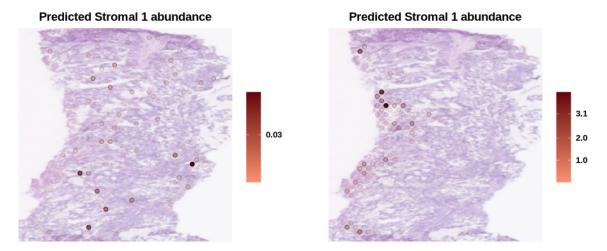


Figure 16: Spatial mapping of the cell abundance of Stromal 1 cells as predicted by the deconvolution when using as reference either the Korean (left panel) or the Belgian (right panel) datasets in the S1_Cec_Rep1 sample.