## **Electronic Supplementary Information for:**

## An integrated mass spectrometry imaging and digital pathology workflow for objective detection of colorectal tumours by unique atomic signatures†

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**Supplementary Figure 1:** A sample decision tree showing each leaf and branch. The 40× zoomed section is shown in red in the lower panel, which was originally 3.16 m wide.



**Supplementary Figure 2**: H&E stain micrographs and corresponding atomic signature images for random forest regression model training. Primary tumours included T classifications of: (A) T1, (B) T3, (C) T4, (D) T3, (E) T1, and (F) T3. LA-ICP-MS imaging of CRC8 revealed invasion of adenocarcinoma into adjacent mucosal tissue (E; i-ii), highlighting the need for higher resolution imaging studies in the future. Scale bar = 2 mm.



**Supplementary Figure 3:** Blind testing of random forest model for automated detection of colorectal tumours by atomic signature. Primary tumours were classified according to TNM staging as: (A) T3, (B) T3, and (C) T3. Scale bars = 2 mm.



**Supplementary Figure 4:** Blind testing of random forest model eliminated false positive pixels in NIW. Scale bar = 2 mm.