**Supplementary analyses**

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| Supplementary table 1. Overview of patients with and without a diagnostic biopsy demonstrating UC before colonic resection. | | | | |
|  | **Total** | **P1** | **P2** | **P3** |
| **No biopsy UC** | 575 (9.4%) | 252 (13.6%) | 211 (9.6%) | 112 (5.5%) |
| **Biopsy UC** | 5519 (90.6%) | 1595 (86.4%) | 1995 (90.4%) | 1929 (94.5%) |

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| Supplementary table 2: Sensitivity analyses excluding patients with CRC without a diagnostic biopsy demonstrating UC before colonic resection (n=69). | | | | |
|  | **Total** | **P1** | **P2** | **P3** |
| **Patient with CRC with a previous biopsy demonstrating UC** *n (%)* | 962/5519 (17.4) | 180/1595 (11.3) | 328/1995  (16.4) | 454/1926  (23.5) |
| **Disease duration at time of resection for CRC** *median (IQR)* | 12.0 (5.00-19.00) | 5.5 (1.25-9.00) | 11.0 (5.0-17.0) | 17.0 (9.0-23.0) |