

Reviewer's report

Title: Discriminating lymphomas and reactive lymphadenopathy in lymph node biopsies by gene expression profiling

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Reviewer: Paul Boutros

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The authors have done an admirable job of addressing my comments. I have only two minor, but important, suggestions:

1) the clinical information in GEO has been entered per-record, which greatly reduces utility. GEO allows uploading of a single text-file which includes all clinical data in a single file -- this should be done as well.

2) the heatmap shown in the response to the reviewers is very valuable and informative, but is currently listed as "data not shown" in the manuscript. The authors should make this a supplementary file so readers can see the results for themselves.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'