Reviewer's report

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My comments are satisfactory addressed. I didn't find any link to supplementary figure 1. However, I think it is very important that this link will be available in the final version.

The authors have now clarified that the cut off is optimized before gene selection. This means that there is some information leakage because all samples have been used to define cut off. However, this may be acceptable if the authors in Materials change the new sentence to "The cutoff point was established prior to gene selection including all samples".

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.