Reviewer's report

Title: Molecular Risk Assessment of BIG 1-98 Participants by Expression Profiling using RNA from Archival Tissue

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Minor essential revision:

In the comparative analysis of parallel samples, the authors give the mean increase in raw Ct values between frozen and paraffin tissue and mention that this was mainly compensated by normalization. The authors should give the range in the mean Ct shifts for the individual assays and should explain whether any of the assays was unreliable or showed a too high Ct shift in paraffin.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests