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Reviewer 2:
1) Please outline the limitations concerning lack of information about the (neo)adjuvant treatment of the study group more precisely, so that the reader can understand why this is of importance (could have impacted outcome etc.).

We appreciate this suggestion and have added a sentence in the Discussion to outline the limitations of the study with respect to lack of (neo)adjuvant treatment information.

Editorial Comments:
1) Please rename your 'Introduction' section 'Background'
We have renamed this section.

2) Please could you clarify whether tissues were obtained retrospectively, if the samples were collected prospectively please clarify whether you received informed consent from patients. If the tissues were obtained retrospectively for the purposes of your study please clearly state this in your methods section.

We have clarified in the Methods section that our study was performed on retrospective samples and pre-existing data collected from University of Minnesota (UMN) pathology archives and patient medical records. This study was done with UMN Institutional Review Board-approved waiver of consent.