Reviewer's report

Title: Availability and quality of paraffin blocks identified in pathology archives: A multi-institutional study by the Shared Pathology Informatics Network (SPIN)

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General

The authors have done a good job at addressing the issues raised and the paper is enhanced as a result.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Page 6 para 2 line - reword sentence Eg Consensus about the final list was reached by the Spin Investigators.

Conclusion, line 8 add 'an' "adequate number of cases.."  

Second last sentence of conclusion needs re-wording

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'