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The authors have included most of the suggestion in their revised manuscript. The manuscript can be accepted with some modifications as mentioned below.

1. The authors stress that the sample size was too low to derive any statistical conclusions. In that case, the claim that “18q-loss and 13q gain were identified as possible surrogate markers for advanced disease” should be down played or possibly removed from the results section.

2. The authors state that the main purpose of this study was to show the feasibility of performing matrix-CGH with DNA derived from FFPE samples. A detailed materials and method of DNA isolation and a array hybridization should be included in the methods section or as as supplementary information.

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