Reviewer's report

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I have reviewed the revision, the responses by the two reviewers, the original critique of reviewer 3, and the response of the authors to the critiques.

Besides the need to correct the syntax and reduce the length of the manuscript (especially the introduction and discussion), the manuscript should be revised along the suggestions of Dr. Gaipa. Following revisions according to her critique, this paper should be acceptable and provide a new target for MRD detection.