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Dear BMC Cancer Editorial Board,

Please find below our Response to the remaining Editorial Requests. If further edits are required, please let us know.

Thank you for your consideration of our manuscript.

Sincerely,

Marilyn L. Kwan, PhD

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1) Please re-phrase your Competing Interests section to state clearly that P.S.B. is named on the patent for PAM50 which is licenced to Bioclassifier LLC.

We have edited the Competing Interests section as specified below.

“P.S.B. is named on the patent for PAM50 which is licensed to Bioclassifier LLC. The other authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.”

2) Requesting Ethics statement

We have edited our Ethics statement to comply with journal requirements as specified below.

“Participants provided informed consent under human subjects’ protocols approved by the institutional review boards (IRB) at KPNC (CN-98BCaan-04-H) and the University of Utah (IRB_00038002). All human subjects’ research carried out in this study was in compliance with the Helsinki declaration (http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/index.html).

3) Some additional edits

We have also made some additional edits to further streamline and clarify the text in the Abstract, Results (pages 14-15), and Discussion (top of page 16).