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Title: Unbiased data mining identifies cell cycle transcripts that predict non-indolent Gleason score 7 prostate cancer

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Dear Dr. Iczkowski,

Attached, please find a revised manuscript “BURO-D-18-00143 Unbiased data mining identifies cell cycle transcripts that predict non-indolent Gleason score 7 prostate cancer, by Wendy L. Johnston, Charles N. Catton, and Carol J. Swallow”.

We have made the required revisions outlined in your email of December 17, 2018. More specifically, we deleted reference to tumour sub-staging as a current protocol for classifying a tumour in the intermediate risk category (e.g., Stage 2a, 2b, 2c). The relevant sections of the revised manuscript are lines 77-79 and 129-131, and we cited https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27251951 as the source. The only remaining reference in the manuscript to tumour sub-staging is the inclusion of the historical perspective as part of the classification scheme originally proposed by D’Amico and colleagues (revised manuscripts lines 74-77). We thought that it would be useful to retain this historical perspective since it is a
classification scheme that would be very familiar to most readers. However, should you desire that we remove this information, we would be happy to do so.

Once again, we would like to thank you and Drs. Singh and Kravtsov for your time and helpful suggestions for editing our manuscript.

Thank you, and looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Wendy L. Johnston, Charles N. Catton and Carol J. Swallow