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To the editors at BMC Clinical Pathology,

Please find submitted our manuscript entitled: *Comparing gene expression data from formalin-fixed, paraffin embedded tissues and qPCR with that from snap-frozen tissue and microarrays for modeling outcomes of patients with ovarian carcinoma*. This manuscript describes our efforts to apply gene expression results from a snap-frozen, Affymetrix predictive model to formalin fixed, paraffin embedded, qPCR expression outputs. There is limited data on ovarian carcinoma, a highly mutated cancer with variable expression. Further, we show that our genes, not selected for widest variation in expression, are consistent across tissue preservation and measurement technique. We believe the content and findings to be novel, and especially suited for your journal. Please note that each of the authors have no conflicts to report; financial, ethical, or other. In the spirit of full disclosure, we have cited a patent that is in submission, but is only distantly related to this work. We eagerly await the review and look forward to the publication of this manuscript.

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