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Dear Dr. Iorio,

We are pleased that the reviewers had a positive response to our revised paper “Scalable and Cost-effective NGS Genotyping in the Cloud” (MS: 7250439861682726). The second revision we submit with this letter addresses all issues raised by the editors.

Our point-by-point responses to the editors’ requests appear in blue in the response included below. We have also uploaded our revised manuscript. We anticipate these revisions have address all items and that the revised manuscript is suitable for publication in BMC Medical Genomics.

Yours sincerely,

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Editor’s comment:
Dear Mr Souilmi,

Thank you for submitting your revised manuscript.

I am sorry to call on your time again, but before we proceed further, the Editor would like to request additional modification for your manuscript prior to acceptance.

We would be grateful if you could address the comments in a revised manuscript and provide a cover letter giving a point-by-point response to the concerns.

First of all, we would like to thank you for the interest in our manuscript, we are delighted that the reviewers had a positive response. Our point-by-point response to reviewers, appear in blue, below.

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The abstract in the manuscript and in the submission system are identical now.

2. Move the Availability and implementation section from the Abstract to before the Abbreviations section

The ‘Availability and implementation’ section was moved before the ‘Abbreviations’ section.

3. Clarify in the Author’s contribution if all authors read and approved the final version of the manuscript

The ‘Authors contribution’ section shows clearly now that all the authors have read and approved the final version of the manuscript.

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