Dear Editor,

Thank you for your response. Would you mind clarifying the reasons for your decision?

Here is why: our results show that transcriptomic data can be used to stratify patients in a clinical context. Moreover, the paper shows that these data provide more information than classical genetic variants approaches and open new perspectives towards personalized therapy. For these reasons, we believe the paper is relevant to the audience of the New England Journal of Medicine, especially in light of your editorial from October 2018.

So, for those reasons, we request that you either reconsider this desk rejection or explain your decision to help us in our submission to a sister journal.

 Best wishes

Alfredo Ferro (on the behalf of co-authors)