

Peer Review File

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Reviewer A

Comment 1: Very interesting paper. These results should be confirmed by others. If so the results could indicate improvement in outcomes.

Reply 1: Thank you for your positive comment. In the future, we plan to validate our findings and create a web application that could be applied by clinicians for risk of metastasis prediction.

Changes in the text: None

Reviewer B

Comment 1: The introduction is too long, and the authors should make it brief. For example, omitting lines 154-164 will not affect the argument of this paper.

Reply 1: We agree. Thus, we shorten the Introduction.

Changes in the text:

We deleted lines: 154-164 from the Introduction.

Comment 2: P6 lines 221-228 should be mentioned in the Results section.

Reply 2: We agree. We moved the lines to the Results section.

Changes in the text:

We moved lines 221-222 to line 316, and lines 223-228 to line 323.

Comment 3: Figure 1 is not decipherable because the letters and numbers are too small. These pieces of information are important and must be crisp and clear for the reader to understand.

Reply 3: We agree. Thus, we improved Figure 1 as suggested.

Changes in the text: None

Comment 4: P8 Line 328-320 Comments on the results should be included in the Discussion section.

Reply 4: We agree. Thus, we moved the sentences commenting on the results to the Discussion.

Changes in the text:

We moved lines 320-328 to line 387.