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Re: Biometrics #070428CFR

Dear Prof. Freedman,

we would like to thank you, the associate editor and the referee for the reports regarding the first revision of our manuscript

Generalized Maximally Selected Statistics.

The suggestions of the referee and the associate editor have been implemented; one new paragraph discussing the quality of the normal approximation in Section 5 has been added as well as a comparison of our empirical findings with current practice for cancer classification (TNM system) in Section 7, along with corresponding references. In order to meet the page limit, it was necessary to condense material throughout the manuscript.

A detailed point-to-point reply to the referee and associate editor is included below.

Sincerely yours,

(Prof. Dr. Torsten Hothorn)