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Powerful technologies are now available for identifying biomarkers that can signal the presence of disease and potentially predict its outcome. Although many thousands of biomarker discoveries are reported in the literature, few have found use in the clinic. What are the reasons for this and what can we do about it?

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