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Title: Analysis of Genetic Copy Number Changes in Cervical Disease Progression

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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is a revised edition of the manuscript entitled “Analysis of Genetic Copy Number Changes in Cervical Disease Progression.”

The following changes were implemented in the manuscript:

1) Email addresses were added to the title page (page 1).

2) “De-identified” was added to describe specimens obtained from CHTN (page 6).

   IRB approval reference for CHTN, UTSW, and Mayo Clinic was included for histological and cytological specimens (page 6).

3) Table 1 and its reference were removed from the manuscript (pages 7, 30).

4) The description of Table 1 was removed from the figure legends (page 30).

5) Table 2 and Table 3 were converted into Table 1 and Table 2, respectively, and its references and respective figure legends were updated to reflect this change (pages 10, 12, 15, 16, and 30). The tables were added to the end of the manuscript (Table 1, page 31; Table 2, page 32).

6) Figure 1 and all references were removed from the manuscript (pages 10-12, 30).

7) Figure 2 was converted into Figure 1 and all references to Figure 2 were changed to Figure 1 (pages 12, 30). The mean signal counts in tabulated form were removed from Figure 1.

8) Figure 3 was converted into Figure 2 and all references to Figure 3 were changed to Figure 2 (pages 13, 30). The percent change values in tabulated form were not
removed from the figure in order to retain clarity of these values and highlight the
differences numerically.

9) Figure 4 was converted into Figure 3 and all references to Figure 4 were changed
to Figure 3 (pages 14, 30).

10) Figure 5 was converted into Figure 4 and all references to Figure 5 were changed
to Figure 4 (pages 17, 30). Also, the tabulated data was removed from Figure 4
and the arrangement of columns was modified to present 3q26 or 8q24 Abnormal
as the first column, followed by 8q24 Abnormal and then 3q26 Abnormal.

11) The mean number of abnormal cells for the Normal cytological category in
Figure 4 was addressed in the Discussion section (page 22).

12) The Figure legend was updated for Figure 3 (page 30). A statement was added to
clarify the location of cells 1 to 10 (right to left, respectively).

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Based on these revisions, please accept it as a candidate for publication in BMC Cancer.

We believe that the data presented here provides important information regarding the
genetic component of cervical oncogenesis and warrants publication in BMC Cancer.

This article is our original, unpublished work and it has not been submitted to any other
journal for reviews.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank Policht