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Dear Editor,

We are sorry for not including the correction for stromal percentage in our first revised form. We thank you for the opportunity to include this now! We have scored the content of TS in the TMA stereologically and included this in Additional file 2. We have added sentences for this in the result, discussion and method section. We did not see any correlation to breast cancer subtypes in our TMA (mentioned as data not shown in the text) but found an inverse correlation between the presence/density of both CD68⁺ and CD163⁺ TAMs and the amount of TS. This strengthens our findings. We have also added data to the rebuttal letter only to show the exact values in crosstabs. With this letter we sincerely hope that our manuscript is suitable for publication in BMC Cancer after this revision.

Yours Sincerely

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