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Cover Letter: Concerted down-regulation of immune system-related genes predicts metastasis in colorectal carcinoma

Dear editorial board of BMC Cancer,

Please find enclosed the carefully revised manuscript: Concerted down-regulation of immune system-related genes predicts metastasis in colorectal carcinoma by Marion Fehlker, Matthew R. Huska, Thomas Jöns, Miguel A. Andrade-Navarro, and Wolfgang Kemmner from the Experimental Clinical Research Center at the Max Delbrueck Center for Molecular Medicine, BERLIN, GERMANY

According to the editorial requests for an ethics statement and for deposition of data, we have inserted the following sections (red-marked within the manuscript).

1) Cryo-conserved tumor specimens from 45 patients and follow-up data were obtained from the Tumorbank of the Charité Comprehensive Cancer Center (CCCC), Charité Campus Buch, Berlin, Germany. Tissue samples from patients that had undergone resection for sporadic colorectal adenocarcinoma at Charité Robert Roessle Hospital (1995–2006) were enrolled for this study (after informed consent). The study was approved by the local ethics committee (Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin).

2) Data were uploaded to GEODataSets with accession: GSE31905 and ID: 200031905 under the title: Gene expression profiling of colorectal carcinomas.

We hope that we have fulfilled the requests of editorial board with these additional statements.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Wolfgang Kemmner, PhD