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To the Editor, BioMedCentral Cancer

You will find enclosed the 3rd revised version of our article entitled “Epstein-Barr virus infection and clinical outcome in breast cancer patients correlate with immune cell TNF-α/IFN-γ response”. As you requested:

1. We included email addresses for all authors on the title page
2. We renamed the headings both in the abstract section and in the first part of the manuscript (background and Methods)
3. We changed the references format according to the BMC cancer guidelines.
4. We added the sentence “The informed consent was obtained from every patient and from every healthy control donor” see lines 123 & 124.
5. We re-wrote the authors contributions, according to the BMC cancer guidelines: “ED, AP and CFdO conceived the study and participated in its design and coordination. GM and MH performed immunological and virological research, and collected data. CF, SFK and PM designed PCR tools and provided facilities. JDB and MH performed analysis and interpretation of data (e.g., statistical analysis, biostatistics, and computational analysis). SF was involved in the acquisition of clinical data (acquired and managed patients). TSdS collected pathological data and analyzed and interpreted the results. All the authors read and approved the final manuscript”.
6. All the supplementary data have been re-arranged according to your guidelines (also, in the body of the article, accordingly). The legends of the supplementary table and figures have been included after the current figure legends section.

Yours sincerely,