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Dear Editor-in-Chief

Enclosed please find our manuscript entitled, “Preoperative serum HER2 extracellular domain levels in primary invasive breast cancer” for publication in “BMC cancer”.

Despite the preclinical outcomes and biologic significance of the presence of the human epidermal growth factor receptor-2 (HER2) extracellular domain (ECD), there is little evidence supporting the measurement of ECD levels in any clinical setting. We could find evidence supporting the valuable clinical utility of serum HER2 ECD level that patients with an elevated HER2 ECD level are more likely to develop distant metastasis irrespective of their disease status. We believe this study can be noteworthy because results were derived from a large number of patients (n=2862) at a single institute and using a single US FDA-approved assay.

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