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To: The Editor, BMC Cancer
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Dear Sir,

Please find attached a revised version of our work, entitled “Membrane testosterone binding sites in prostate carcinoma as a potential new marker and therapeutic target: Study in paraffin tissue sections”. In this version we have tried to reply to the Reviewers’ comments, as follows:

**Reviewers 1 & 2:** We thank the reviewers for their comments and their suggestion to accept our work.

**Reviewer 3:** We thank the reviewer for his comments on the quality of our work. According to his suggestions, in this revised version we have eliminated the TNM grading. In this respect, text was modified in the Results section and the Discussion. In addition Figure 4 was redrawn, eliminating the grading system. We keep the Gleason’s grading system, according to the reviewer’s suggestion. According to the reviewer’s suggestion, we have introduced a paragraph in the results section (page 11) indicating the number of cases in Gleason’s 3+4 and 4+3 scores. We state that no difference was found. Accordingly, in the Discussion (page 15) we discuss this finding and state that the small number of cases does not permit to draw conclusions.

Finally, Reference of Wheeler et al was withdrawn.

According to Reviewers 2 & 3, we have tried, in this revised version, to improve the quality of the language.

Hoping that this revised version will reply all the reviewers’ comments,
Sincerely,

Dr E. Stathopoulos