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Dear Sir,

On behalf of all authors, I submit the revised manuscript “IMMUNOSTAINING WITH D2-40 IMPROVES EVALUATION OF LYMPHOVASCULAR INVASION, BUT MAY NOT PREDICT SENTINEL LYMPH NODE STATUS IN EARLY BREAST CANCER” for publication in *BMC Cancer*. We have now included all the typographical corrections observed by Reviewer 1, to whom we are deeply acknowledged.

We are grateful for the acceptance of the manuscript. Should there be any other question on the manuscript, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

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TYPOGRAPHICAL CORRECTIONS – REVIEWER 1 - MARCH 04, 2009

1. Category T3a: corrected to “T3” (Background, line 3)
2. Correction of “Nottingham” was done (Material & Methods, line 11); we also included “proposed by Elston & Ellis”
3. Correction of “Patent blue V”: Material & Methods, line 1 of the section “Sentinel node - SLN”
4. Correction of “greater than 2 mm…”: Material & Methods, last line of the section “Sentinel node - SLN”
5. Correction of “immunohistochemistry”: Material & Methods, line 14 of the section “Immunohistochemistry”.
6. Correction of “microvascular density”: Material & Methods, line 8 of the section “Statistical analyses”.
7. “Kappa correlation” was corrected as follows: “The Kappa value was calculated to assess inter-observer variability concerning VEGF-A expression” (Material and Methods, lines 12-13 of the section “Statistical analyses”); “Kappa value was 0.7154 (CI95%=0.48-0.95)” – last line of Results.
8. Correction of “grade III”: Results, line 2.
11. Correction of “correlation”: Table 1.
12. Correction of “Fisher’s exact test”: Tables 1 to 4.
13. Correction of “negative or <4 positive”: Table 3.