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Dear Dr Kaiser,

As requested in your email below, we have removed the citation to the submitted paper by Nagel et al. and have added the immunohistochemistry details in the Methods section.

Upon acceptance of the manuscript, we will immediately make the requested microarray data, or any other data, available for the research community.

I hope our changes are to your satisfaction, allowing the manuscript to be send out for review. If not, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best regards,

Mieke

Dear Dr Schutte,

Thank you for your recent submission to BMC Cancer. Before we can proceed with peer review we will need you to make some changes to your manuscript. We strongly urge you to make these changes promptly, as we cannot start the peer review process until we have received a version containing the changes.
We noticed that in the Methods section, some procedures are cited as 'Nagel et al., submitted for publication’. Unfortunately, we cannot accept this as it is: please provide a description of the methodology in this manuscript or update the reference list if the manuscript is now published.

Please also be aware with regards to the microarray data that submission of a manuscript to BMC Cancer implies that readily reproducible materials described in the manuscript, including all relevant raw data, will be freely available to any scientist wishing to use them for non-commercial purposes. Nucleic acid sequences, protein sequences, and atomic coordinates should be deposited in an appropriate database in time for the accession number to be included in the published article.

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Please can you resubmit your files with the changes I've requested within the next two weeks (i.e. by 25th Nov). If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes,

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