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To the editor

In response to the editorial and reviewer comments the legends of all tables were revised to clarify the types of comparisons that are being made. At the bottom of tables 1-3, a foot note is added to indicate what the P-value is comparing and the type of statistical test being used.

Several paragraphs of the discussion were changed briefly to also clarify the comparisons and for better reading. The paragraphs are the ones beginning as follows:

Page 10, paragraph 4. An analysis of ER testing at the Gharbiah…
Page 11, paragraph 1. The relatively high ER+ rates…..
Page 11, paragraph 3. It is the marked increase in ER+/PR+/HER2-…..
Page 12, paragraph 1. A Finish study showed…..

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