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Dear Editor,

We would like to submit our work entitled “Tenascin-W is a better cancer biomarker than tenascin-C for most human solid tumors” by Brellier et al. for publication in Cancer Letters.

Tenascins are a family of large extracellular matrix glycoproteins associated with cell motility, proliferation and differentiation. The best described member is tenascin-C, which is highly expressed in cancer stroma where it contributes to the metastatic behavior of tumors.

Tenascin-W is the most recently discovered and the least studied member of the tenascin family. Here we found that tenascin-W is an even better tumor marker than tenascin-C in melanomas as well as pancreas, kidney, and lung carcinomas. Furthermore, its expression in the vicinity of blood vessels makes it a good candidate for a cancer biomarker of broad potential for tumor targeting approaches.

I hope that you find these data interesting enough to consider publication in your journal Cancer Letters.

With my best wishes,

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