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Dear reviewer

Thanks for your suggestions on the inaccuracies in the table. Some minor changes are made for both consistency and accuracy.

The circulating level of the cytokines you asked is not available in all patients because these data were respectively reviewed and the circulating levels are not obtained due to the period of admissions. And for a long period of time, obtaining IL-6 and IL-10 is not possible in the lab of our hospital.

It is interesting to check the expression of both VEGF and IL-6 in the specimen. Unfortunately, after we found such association, we are not allowed to obtain more specimen because of insufficient storage of the formalin-embeded specimen.

There is a certain policy in the department of Pathology to ensure adequate storage. To investigate the roles of VEGF/IL-6 is along with EBV is interesting but not possible for the time being.

The manuscript had been reviewed by a native English-speaking doctor.

Thanks.