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Title: A gene expression profile for detection of sufficient tumour cells in breast tumour tissue: microarray diagnosis eligibility

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Dear Dr. Alexandersson,

Thank you for acceptance of publication of our manuscript “A gene expression profile for detection of sufficient tumour cells in breast tumour tissue: microarray diagnosis eligibility” in BMC Medical Genomics”.

We have addressed your comment regarding the statement of approval by the ethical committees and have added the following sentence to our methods section:

At the time of initial diagnosis, all patients had provided consent in the sense that their tumour samples could be used for investigational purposes. The study was carried out in accordance with the ethical standards of the Helsinki Declaration and was approved by the Medical ethical Board of the participating medical centers and hospitals. All samples were de-identified, analyzed anonymously and were part of research implementation studies for MammaPrint.

We hope that our manuscript is now suitable for publication.

On behalf of all authors.

Sincerely,

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