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Please make clear that only one tissue microarray was studied.

Abstract Line 25: Correct '..staining of a tissue microarray containing 88 paired CRC specimens…'

Introduction Line 60: Similarly, correct '..by immunohistochemical analysis of a CRC tissue microarray.'

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