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Title: Epithelial cells and abnormal cytology in nipple aspirate fluid and subsequent breast cancer risk: a historic prospective study

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Dear editors:

We are submitting the following manuscript, *Epithelial cells and abnormal cytology in nipple aspirate fluid and subsequent breast cancer risk: a historic prospective study*, for your review. Your well-respected journal provides the perfect forum for this manuscript – given your emphasis on epidemiology and biomarkers in breast cancer research. The manuscript we are submitting details characteristics from a unique cohort differentiating women with both cytological abnormalities in breast fluids and presence or absence of epithelial cells in breast fluids and the risk related to those characteristics. It is vital that these studies continue to ascertain who may be a candidate for this promising technique of studying breast cells.

The BioMed Central policy of open access as well as a multi-disciplinary audience would be the best forum for our work, as this content applies to women's health, epidemiology, medicine, nursing, cytopathology as well as other disciplines. We look forward to your response and working with you to publish this important work.

Best regards,

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