

About the Contributors



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Erratum

Leonardo Lami Casaus, MD, PhD, should read: "Leonardo Lami Casaus, MD." The second sentence in Dr Lami's biographical sketch should read: "He is currently involved in clinical trials evaluating cancer vaccines developed in Cuba, as well as research on chemotherapy in breast cancer patients and a retrospective study of INOR's 15-year experience with Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphomas."