In the article "Statistical diagnostics emerging from external quality control of real-time PCR" by E. Marubini, P. Verderio, C. Casini Raggi, M. Pazzagli and C. Orlando, which was published in the previous issue of *The International Journal of Biological Markers* [Int J Biol Markers 2004; 19: 141-6], the standard cDNA concentrations were misreported in the MATERIALS AND METHODS section (Instructions and actions). The correct version is reported below:

"The standard cDNA solution was provided at 2.5 x 10^9 cDNA copies/5 μ L (STD1), [...] to obtain the following concentrations: STD2 = 2.5 x 10^8 , STD3 = 2.5 x 10^7 , STD4 = 2.5 x 10^6 , STD5 = 2.5 x 10^5 , and STD6 = 2.5 x 10^4 cDNA copies/5 μ L."

The editors and publisher regret the error.