

### **Reviewer-1**

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Review Date:2019-08-12 02:39

Specific Comments To Authors: This is a well conducted study and merits publication.

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments To Authors (File):

### **Reviewer-2**

Reviewer Name: Anonymous

Review Date:2019-07-22 07:22

Specific Comments To Authors: The manuscript represents an interesting study focused on the involvement of IGF2BP1 in pancreatic cancer. Several issues should be corrected:

1-The phrase "The expression, functional role and regulatory mechanisms of IGF2BP1 in pancreatic cancer remain unclear" does not reflect the aim of the study (Abstract section)

2-Table 1 does not show data regarding the clinical implication of IGF2BP1 during the development of pancreatic cancer as it is cited in the main text. This table needs to be reformulated. Probably high and low refer to the expression of IGF2BP1 but it is not clear.

3-The manuscript could be improved with more information in this domain: Cancer stem cells: involvement in pancreatic cancer pathogenesis and perspectives on cancer therapeutics. World J Gastroenterol. 2014; Advances in pancreatic cancer detection. Adv Clin Chem. 2010; Assessment of soluble angiogenic markers in pancreatic cancer. Biomark Med. 2008.

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments To Authors (File):

### **Response to reviewers**

Reviewer#1

Thank you for your reviewing on our work.

Reviewer#2

2.1 We have changed the aim of the study in the abstract section, which were marked in red in our manuscript (line 31-32). Thank you for your reviewing on our work.

2.2 We carefully checked our data, reanalyzed our data and then reformulated table 1. We reselected tumor size as a good marker for the development of pancreatic cancer. And the text in our manuscript were changed accordingly in our manuscript (line 213-214), which were marked in red. High and low expression of IGF2BP1 were redefined in the MATERIALS AND METHODS section (line 132-133). Thank you for your reviewing on our work.

2.3 According to your advice, we have added the information you presented, which were marked in red in our manuscript (line 71-73, reference 4-6). Thank you for your reviewing on our work.