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Editor in Chief  
World Journal of Stem Cells

Dear Editor:

Please find attached a revised version of the **manuscript 64910 “Reporter gene systems for the identification and characterization of cancer stem cells”** for its possible publication in *World Journal of Stem Cells*.

We thank the Reviewers and Editorial Office for their comments and observations. We have generated this revised version following their suggestions. The detailed responses to the observations made are listed below.

**Reviewer #1:**

Specific Comments to Authors: The authors briefly reviewed the identification and characterization of cancer stem cells (CSC) with special emphasis on reporter gene systems. The review is well written, and the organization is easy to follow; it is affordable for a wide audience, providing much information about new reporter gene systems and their usefulness for the evaluation of CSC-targeting experimental therapeutics.

*No specific changes were made.*

**Reviewer #1:**

Specific Comments to Authors: Good review.

*No specific changes were made.*

**Editorial Office:**

- (1) The language classification is Grade B. Please visit the following website for the professional English language editing companies we recommend: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/gerinfo/240>

*This revised version has been copyedited by a professional service (Blue Science Pencil).*

- (2) The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s)

*We are submitting the files together with this revised version.*

- (3) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor;

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- (4) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references.

*We added the requested information. References have been checked using the Auto-Analyzer of the submission system*

I hope you will find this manuscript suitable for publication.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MAV' with a large 'X' or flourish at the end.

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