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Dear Professor Ma,  
Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name:  
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Title: The role of abnormal lipid metabolism in development, progression, diagnosis  
and therapy of pancreatic cancer

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

**1 Format has been updated**

**2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer**

- (1) Page 5. Cytosolic IDH should be discussed in the reverse Krebs cycle. Under hypoxia, glutaminolysis is linked to lipogenesis in a mitochondria-independent manner.

**Re: This problem has been discussed in revised manuscript (page 6 lines 13-22).**

- (2) Page 13, Scheme 6. Discussion about cholesterol synthesis should be added. There are many reports about statin and pancreatic cancer. Combination of a statin and a FASN inhibitor is interesting. Is there any report about the combination on pancreatic cancer cells?

**Re: The discussion about cholesterol synthesis, and the role of statins in therapy has been added in revised manuscript (page 15 lines 3-10; page 22 lines 1-9). Scheme 6 has been revised. We have not found any data about Combination of a statin and a FASN inhibitors on pancreatic cancer cells. We agree that such research would be interesting and this has been stated in revised version (page 22 lines 10-12).**

**3 References and typesetting were corrected**

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Sincerely yours,

Julian Swierczynski

Professor of Biochemistry