

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name wjsc-2017-32849-Review for editorial.doc).

Title: Epithelial plasticity and cancer stem cells: Major mechanisms of cancer pathogenesis and therapy resistance

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

1. Format has been updated
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Comments of Reviewer 1 (Reviewer code: 02934832)

This is an interesting well-described review that explores the mechanisms and contributions of EMT on cancer pathogenesis and resistance. However, there is a minor revision to be completed. The minor revisions are: Concerning cancer pathogenesis and resistance, add a figures to explain main mechanisms and future potential treatments. Add a table which summarizes characteristics and current treatments of each cancer types that involve EMT-targeted therapy. Principal clinical trials must also be mentioned in a table according to www.clinicaltrials.gov.

Reply to comments: Figure 4 has been added which explains the mechanisms of drug resistance and cancer progression as well as potential treatment plans. Table 1 titled “cancer stem cells and EMT targeted therapy” has been added as suggested by the reviewer. All the corrections/ additions are shown in red color in the manuscript.

Sincerely,

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