

Dear editors,

Thank you for the constructive comments and suggestions. They are most helpful in improving the quality of the manuscript. We have revised the manuscript according to the issues raised:

Reviewer #1: to put some tables and cartoons to simplify and explain the different pathways to approach the therapy of fibrosis.

Thank you for your suggestion. We have added a figure to help illustrate the potential mechanisms of action. I hope the new figure is helpful and acceptable to you.

Reviewer #2: I only have objections that in several examples, the abbreviation appears first several times, and then much later the full name as its explanation, or vice versa, and somewhere there is also no explanation of the abbreviation, which should not be the case.

Thank you for your suggestion. We have revised through to make sure the abbreviations are correct. A list of abbreviations was made and provided as supplementary material. I hope it would be helpful.

The name of the figure should go below the figure

Thank you for pointing out. It has been revised.

Issues raised by the editorial office:

1. The language was further edited by a native English speaker.
2. The approved grant application form(s) are provided.
3. Figures are now arranged in a PPT file.
4. PMID and DOI numbers have been revised throughout. However, there was one reference that lacked DOI number, so we could only provide the PMID. It is listed as follows:

20 **Zhao L**, Wei Z, Yang F, Sun Y. Transforming growth factor-beta1 induced cellular proliferation and collagen synthesis was mediated by reactive oxygen species in pulmonary fibroblasts. *Chinese journal of industrial hygiene and occupational diseases* 2015; **33**: 15-19 [PMID: 25876967]

5. The pictures in this manuscript were drafted by Zhu-Jun Li. Dr. Ke Xiao helped with drawing and beautifying figure 1, with payment, as mentioned in the acknowledgement. Figure 2 was drawn by Zhu-Jun Li. Therefore, we believe no issue exists regarding the copyright of the pictures.

6. The column has been revised into “minireviews” in the first page of the manuscript.

Again, we sincerely thank you for the constructive and helpful comments. We hope the revised manuscript meets your requirements.

Best regards,

Zhu-Jun Li