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“SmartFlareTM is a reliable method for assessing mRNA expression in single neural stem cells”

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Dear Editors,

on behalf of all authors, I would like to thank you and the Reviewer for giving us the chance to improve our manuscript by means of your valuable suggestions.

The manuscript has been carefully revised according to the comments by the Reviewer, the Science Editor, and the Company Editor-in-Chief, adhering to the Peer-Review Report and the outlined “Steps for submitting the revised manuscript”. Moreover, moderate changes to the text in terms of language and grammar have been carried out according to the revision of the manuscript by the English Language Editing Company. Changes in the revised version are highlighted in red, with the corrected terms/sentences in place of the previous ones. The “Article Highlights” section has been included in the manuscript. Moreover, decomposable Figures have been organized into a single powerpoint file.

The format of the revised manuscript has been updated in accordance with the Baishideng Publishing Group “Guidelines and requirements for manuscript revision” and “Format for manuscript revision” for Basic study.

The authors’ point-by-point responses to the comments/suggestions raised by Reviewer #1 and the Editors are provided below:

Reviewer #1:

- *Title. Does the title reflect the main subject/hypothesis of the manuscript? No.*

I only have a minor comment on the title of this manuscript. I think the title “SmartFlareTM is a reliable method for assessing mRNA expression in single neural stem cells” may be more appropriate for this study.

Authors’ response:

- We thank the Reviewer for the positive comments about the manuscript and the valuable suggestion. The title has been modified accordingly.

Science Editor:

- *Title. Does the title reflect the main subject/hypothesis of the manuscript? No.*
I only have a minor comment on the title of this manuscript. I think the title “SmartFlareTM is a reliable method for assessing mRNA expression in single neural stem cells” may be more appropriate for this study.
- *Language evaluation: Overallly acceptable. Grade B (Minor language polishing)*
- *Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form is not provided.*

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Authors' response:

We thank the Science Editor for the overall positive comments and for the helpful raised issues, which will allow to improve the quality of the manuscript.

- As kindly suggested, the title has been updated accordingly.
- As requested, a minor language polishing of the manuscript has been achieved by the review and editing from a professional English Language Editing Company, which provided an official manuscript Language Editing Certificate, guaranteeing that the language of the manuscript has reached grade A.
- The Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form has been provided.
- The research is supported by grants from the “Fondo Integrativo per la Ricerca” (FIR) of the University of Cagliari, Italy, and by “Consorzio UNO”, Oristano, Sardinia, Italy, which are not provided with any Funding numbers.
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I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Stem Cells, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

Authors' response:

We thank the Company Editor-in-Chief for the accurate review of the manuscript. We are pleased to know that it meets the publishing requirements and is conditionally accepted. We hope that the revised manuscript will properly meet the Editorial Office's and Reviewer's requests and suggestions.

I thank the Reviewer and Editors for the consideration and interest in the topic of our research and for the meaningful revision of the manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

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