

Answering Reviewers

Reviewer #1:

The study reviews the role of succinylation in liver pathologies. The review idea is innovative. However, there are several issues to address.

1. Abstract requires a lot of improvements. Authors should avoid using vacuous phrases. Current Abstract is too general and should be improved/re-written. Example: “the liver being an important organ for this kind of modification” . It is necessary to use academic language and be highly specific.

Response: Thank you for your kind suggestion. We have re-written the Abstract to make it more specific.

2. Abstract should indicate the most important enzymes involved into the regulation of succinylation in the liver. The enzymes should be accented regarding their role in the liver-related pathologies, be specific and mention the exact liver pathologies which can be targeted via the regulation of succinylation. Authors should use Core Tips for improvement of their Abstract.

Response: This comment could greatly improve the quality of the manuscript. We indicated the function of histone acetyltransferase 1 (HAT1) and deacetyltransferase sirtuin 5 (SIRT5) on hepatic metabolism. In addition, we accented that HAT1, lysine acetyltransferase 2A (KAT2A), SIRT5, and sirtuin 7 (SIRT7) are closely related to the development of liver diseases.

We supplemented Core Tips in the revised manuscript.

3. Succinylation is not “newly” discovered process, considering that they cite a paper from 2010. Authors should amend the Introduction (page 3). Authors should use academic language and avoid vacuous generalisations. English language profession editing is recommended.

Response: Thank you for your comments. The words “newly discovered” were deleted. The Introduction has been completely revised and the language has been improved by a native English speaker.

4. Figure 1, 2, 3 etc should be cited in the text. All figures were not mentioned in the text. it is essential they are mentioned at least once in the text.

Response: Thank you for your kind suggestion. Done as requested. Figures 1, 2, and 3 have been cited in the corresponding places in the text. All the changes have been highlighted in the text.

5. Some phrases are hard to understand (it could be wrong grammar/style). For instance, the section 3.1 title “3.1 Succinylation with hepatic glucose and amino acid metabolism” – is unclear. Did you mean “ Succinylation of enzymes involved into regulation of hepatic glucose and amino acid metabolism”???

Response: Your suggestion really means a lot to us. Indeed, the previous description of the section 3.1 and 3.2 were inaccurate, we have changed the headings 3.1 (now 2.1) and 3.2 (now 2.2) to “2.1 The influence of protein succinylation on glucose metabolism and amino acid metabolism.” and “2.2 The influence of protein succinylation on lipid metabolism.” All the changes have been highlighted in the text.

6. The role of succinylation during aging, alcoholic liver disease etc should be described properly.

Response: Thank you for your kind suggestion. The present manuscript mainly focuses on the relationship of succinylation with fatty liver, hepatitis, and HCC, whereas the role of succinylation during aging seem to be deviated from our topic. Additionally, most of the current studies focused on the metabolic fatty liver, and there were few reports of succinylation targeting alcoholic fatty liver.

7. Conclusion section should be improved and provide more specific recommendation for future direction of treatment targeting succinylation in liver cells.

Response: Thank you. The conclusion section has been largely improved as you suggested.

Reviewer #2:

The title reflect the main subject of the manuscript. The abstract summarize and reflect the work described in the manuscript. The key words reflect the focus of the manuscript. The manuscript describe methods in adequate detail.

1. Please improve and extent your introduction.

Response: We appreciate very much for the comment. The Introduction has been re-written and you will find it has been largely improved.

2. Please add more conclusion to your article.

Response: Thank you for your kind suggestion. The conclusion has been extensively improved. All the changes have been highlighted in the text.

ABBREVIATIONS:

Response: Thank you. Done as requested.

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Response: Thank you for your kind suggestion. The figure legends have been formatted to a general title and explanation for each figure. Figure 3 has been revised as requested. Figure1 and Figure 2 are separate images without A, B or C sections, so we provide the explanation of Figure1 and Figure 2 for the entire picture.

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Response: Thank you for your kind suggestion. Figures are original.

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Response: Thank you for your kind suggestion. The PMID numbers and DOI citation numbers have been provided to the reference.

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Response: Thank you for your kind suggestion. The author's contribution section has been added in the text.

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Response: Thank you. The filled conflict-of-interest disclosure form has been provided as requested.