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**RE: Invited review/ESPS Manuscript NO: 02884434**

Dear Dr. Ohori,

Please find attached our manuscript titled "*Preclinical therapy of benign prostatic hyperplasia with neuropeptide hormone antagonists*" by Petra Popovics, Andrew V. Schally, Norman L. Block, and Ferenc G. Rick. (ESPS Manuscript NO: 02884434).

Our review highlights the potential of antagonistic analogs of the neuropeptide hormones, GHRH, LHRH and GRP in the clinical therapy of BPH. Their effect is based on inducing a decrease the levels of circulating hormones and also on a direct action on their respective prostatic receptors. Additionally, this review discusses key findings that led to the identification of local autoregulatory loops of neuropeptide hormones, the disruption of which by the antagonists could be used for the development of future therapies.

We would appreciate if this manuscript could be considered for publication in *World J Clin Urol*. All correspondence should be sent to Dr. Ferenc G. Rick, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 1201 NW 16th St, Miami, FL 33125, Research (151); email: ferencrick@gmail.com.

We confirm that neither the submitted paper nor any similar papers have been or will be submitted in any other scientific journal. We feel that our paper is very suitable for *World J Clin Urol*.

We declare that our manuscript has been reviewed for language clarity and usage by co-authors (Andrew V. Schally and Norman L. Block), whose native language is English.

Since this submission is a review, there was no need for Ethics Committee Approval Document and Biostatistician Review Report.

All of the authors are aware of and agree to the content of the paper and their being listed as an author on the paper.

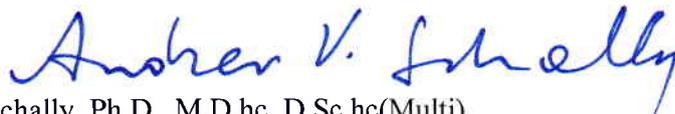
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