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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12892-review.docx).

Title: The Roles of microRNA-140 in Stem Cell-Associated Early Stage Breast Cancer

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewed by 02445516 No comments.

We appreciate the reviewer's suggestion for publication.

Reviewed by 02446383

As a review paper, some statements will need to have references, such as in "miR-140 in the DCIS to IDC transition" part. Authors need to better define "early stage breast cancer" (DCIS and/or IDC?). Both DCIS and IDC were discussed in the paper, but the conclusion was only related to DCIS. Authors also need to have more focused discussion on different subtypes of DCIS and IDC by reducing subtitles and adding some translational research results or thoughts to the paper. Reference #27 needs to be updated with the name of the Journal "Oncogene". Overall the paper needs to be refined.

We appreciate the reviewer's comments, and have addressed them in the refined paper.

1. Authors need to better define “early stage breast cancer” (DCIS and/or IDC?).

The phrase “early stage breast cancer” was defined more clearly in the first paragraph of the introduction.

2. Both DCIS and IDC were discussed in the paper, but the conclusion was only related to DCIS.

Conclusion section was updated to include thoughts on work in DCIS as well as IDC samples.

3. Authors also need to have more focused discussion on different subtypes of DCIS and IDC by reducing subtitles and adding some translational research results or thoughts to the paper.

Section on therapeutic potential was revised to more clearly discuss the translational potential of the work. Conclusion was also updated to focus more on future therapeutic strategies that should be investigated, and on the potential benefit to patients.

4. Reference #27 needs to be updated with the name of the Journal “Oncogene”.

Reference #27 was fixed.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Stem Cells

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