

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name wjsc-2016-25693-Review for editorial.doc).

Title: Epithelial plasticity in urothelial carcinoma: Current advancements and future challenges

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

1. Format has been updated
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Comments of Reviewer 1 (Reviewer code: 00468214)

The topic treated in this paper is interesting and actual, as stem cancer cells transformation in aggressive cancer cells pathways is one of the most challenging topic in the era of targeted anti-cancer drugs. Concerning the keywords, they should be words, not sentences (e.g. bladder urothelial carcinoma, stem cells); moreover they should be written in an alphabetic order. The text is well written, and offers a quite clear view of the potential clinical benefits which derive from the development of anti-cancer drugs aiming to reduce the epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition capability of cancer stem cells and the resistance to chemotherapeutic agents; these concepts provide hopeful future prospectives to discover new target therapeutic drugs which attempt to reduce the migratory and invasive properties of cancer cells.

Answer to the Comments of Reviewer 1

Thanks for the positive feedback. As per the suggestions, key words are rewritten in more simpler form and alphabetically. These are highlighted in red color in revised manuscript.

Comments of Reviewer 2 (Reviewer code: 02494444)

Well written and up-to-date review on urothelial tumor stem cells. The author might include the connexins (Comberg et al., WJUR, 2016).

Answer to the Comments of Reviewer 2

Thanks for your positive feedback. The reference on connexin and its role in urothelial carcinogenesis has been incorporated in revised manuscript, as suggested by the reviewer. The modification is done in red color [kindly refer page no. 13 (text) and 19 (reference)].

Sincerely,

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