

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS Manuscript NO: 258).

Title: Transglutaminase inhibition: a therapy to protect cells from death in neurodegeneration?

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

1 Format has been updated (the new title is less than 12 words)

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

Reviewer 1:

- Abstract, line 5: the word "pathogenetic" has been changed with the word "molecular".
- Abstract, line 13: the word "cure" has been changed with "amelioration of symptoms".
- A figure legend has been added to Figure 1.
- A new sentence and 2 new references have been added at pag. 4, line 16.

Reviewer 2:

- A new sentence and 2 new references have been added at pag. 4, line 16.
In particular, 2 new references [14, 15] have been added, Phase I/II clinical trials comments have been reported, and the article by Langman et al., has been cited.

Reviewer 3:

- The abbreviation "TG" has been always used in the text.
- The word " differentially" has been added at pag. 3, line 9.
- The word " aberrantly" has been added at pag. 3, line 13.
- The word "suggest" has been corrected.
- The sentence " ...they do not indicate whether aberrant TG activity per se directly determines the disease's progression " has been changed with "...they do not indicate whether aberrant TG activity is directly responsible for the disease's progression".

Reviewer 4:

- The words "Up to now" and "however" have been removed in pag. 3, paragraph. 3. All the other mistakes have been corrected.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Biological Chemistry*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Vittorio Gentile". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Vittorio" and last name "Gentile" clearly distinguishable.

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