

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: PapWJHrev.doc).

Title: FIRST CONTRIBUTORS IN THE HISTORY OF LEUKEMIA

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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

(1) No specific comments from the reviewer.

(2) Regarding the section about the stem cell concept, we have been more careful regarding who first developed this concept. As suggested, facts and theories have been more detailed. Therefore references were added. We did not use as suggested the expression stem cell-like instead of that of stem cell, but included 'stem cell' into hyphens that seemed to us more appropriate.

As requested a final section has been included to tell how important are those historic findings for helping us to achieve what has been achieved today in the field of leukemia research.

As requested the long non English part formerly on page 5 was retrieved, and the citation was kept alone.

We tried to improve the quality of the figure used as summary.

(3) Spelling mistake in the legend of figure 8 was corrected.

All modifications were highlighted in yellow as suggested.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'X Thomas', written over a light grey rectangular background.

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