

To:

Dr Ying Dou,

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Dear Dr. Dou,

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "DNAH17-AS1 exhausting miR-432-5p promotes pancreatic carcinoma by increasing PPME1 expression" (Manuscript No. 53336). We have studied comments carefully and made corrections on our manuscript that we hope meet with approval. The specific responses to the points are listed below.

**Special Comments:**

The manuscript is novel and well-written. Yet, It needs critical revision for the English Language.

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion. We are very sorry for the mistakes in this manuscript and inconvenience they caused in your reading. This manuscript has been thoroughly edited by a native English speaker from an editing company. Editing Certificate has been provided upon request. So we hope it can meet the journal's standard. Thanks so much for your useful comments.

1- A lot of recent literature is not cited in the manuscript concerned about lncRNAs and miRNAs and their ceRNAs network Example: Youness, RA,

Hafez, HM, Khallaf, E, Assal, RA, Abdel Motaal, A, Gad, MZ. The long noncoding RNA sONE represses triple - negative breast cancer aggressiveness through inducing the expression of miR - 34a, miR - 15a, miR - 16, and let - 7a. J Cell Physiol. 2019; 234: 20286– 20297.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/jcp.28629>

Answer: Thank you for your comments. In fact, as you mentioned, a lot of recent literature about lncRNAs and miRNAs and their ceRNAs are constantly emerging, and we really did not cite the latest literature before. After your reminder, we have re-quoted some new literature, and we have to say that the literature you recommended is really one of the excellent works, from which we have learned a lot. Therefore, we cited it as our reference and hoped that more people can see it.

2- Conclusions are written in the introduction and this is not preferable

Answer: Thank you for your reminder. The yellow part of the introduction has been rewritten, and the conclusion has not been put in the introduction again.

3- Some parts are still in Chinese

Answer: Thank you for your comments. This manuscript has been thoroughly edited by a native English speaker from an editing company. We hope the Chinese parts have been corrected.

4- There are typo mistakes in the manuscript e.g. miR-490-3p !!

Answer: Thank you very much! These mistakes have been corrected.

5- A major point needs to be addressed... The authors should investigate the impact of miR-432 mimics on DNAH17-AS1

Answer: Thank you for your comments. In our manuscript, we have showed that miR-432-5p mimics decreased luciferase activity in the DNAH17-AS1-WT vector but had no effect on DNAH17-AS1-MUT (Fig. 3C) in dual-luciferase reporter assays, indicating the specificity of the interaction between DNAH17-AS1 and miR-432-5p (Page 6, marked yellow). In fact, we did not find that miR-432-5p mimics could change the expression level of DNAH17-AS1 in Hs766T cell, so we did not mention this result in our manuscript. However, we investigated the impact of miR-432-5p mimics on PC cell development (The previous Fig3 was marked incorrectly and we have made changes). Therefore, our results showed DNAH17-AS1 targeted and inhibited miR-432-5p, which affected the development of PC cells. Whether miR-432-5p affects DNAH17-AS1 is not the main focus of our study.

6- The discussion is poorly written and needs to be enriched with recent literature and supporting data

Answer: Thank you very much! The discussion has been rewritten and some of the latest literature has been added.