

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

Manuscript NO: 54532

Title: TB XR1 induces cells proliferation and inhibit cells apoptosis by PI3K/AKT pathway in pancreatic carcinoma

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Position: Editorial Board

Academic degree: MBBS, MD

Professional title: Associate Professor

Reviewer's country: India

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept | Peer-Review: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language | (High priority) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good | polishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Accept | <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of | (General priority) | Peer-reviewer's expertise on the |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not | language polishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision | topic of the manuscript: |
| publish | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection | <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General |
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Good work. Congratulations. The authors have evaluated the role of TBL1XR1 in pancreatic cancers. By tissue assay and in vivo tests, they found that the receptor is associated with tumour progression as well as worse prognosis in pancreatic cancers.

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

Google Search:

- ☐ The same title
- ☐ Duplicate publication
- ☐ Plagiarism
- ☐ No

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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

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Title: TB XR1 induces cells proliferation and inhibit cells apoptosis by PI3K/AKT pathway in pancreatic carcinoma

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Academic degree: MD, PhD

Professional title: Doctor, Occupational Physician

Reviewer's country: Japan

Author's country: China

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| | | | Conflicts-of-Interest: |
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors investigated TBL1XR1 in pancreatic cancer with clinic-pathological data, and cell experiments. The results were rationale, but construction of the manuscript was immature. The logical flow to TBL1XR1 was not fully clear. How did the authors focus TBL1XR1 remained unclear. How was informed consent was obtained? Materials and Methods was immature. This part should be revised so that the other researchers could repeat. Methods of immunostaining was absent. How was the primary antibody obtained? Intensity of TBL1XR1 positivity (0-3) should be shown as representative photos. Did “1640 medium” mean “RPMI1640”? Cell transfection. The amount of nucleic acid was not clear. Lentivirus-mediated RNA interference. Did the authors construct lentivirus vector for RNAi? If so, the transduction methods should be written. Was lipofectamine necessary for lentivirus transduction? What was CCK-8? Was it commercially available? Company names and locations of antibodies were absent. Table 1. TNM staging correlated with positivity of TBL1XR1. But tumor sized did not. Were there any speculations to this discrepancy? Figure 1B. Both adjacent and PCa tissues look accumulation of lymphocytes. Were there any other photos? For example, adjacent tissues include acinus, islets, and pancreatic duct. Pancreatic cancer tissues include cancer cells.

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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

Manuscript NO: 54532

Title: TB YXR1 induces cells proliferation and inhibit cells apoptosis by PI3K/AKT pathway in pancreatic carcinoma

Reviewer's code: 02440884

Position: Editorial Board

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Professional title: Professor

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Author's country: China

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the experimental study TBL1XR1 was investigated in cellular models of pancreatic cancer using several molecular and morphological techniques. A correlation between TBL1XR1 expression and worse prognosis of pancreatic cancer was found. As a molecular mechanism of the tumor promoting TBL1XR1 effect, the authors give some evidence that TBL1XR1 is able to regulate the PI3K/AKT pathway. Comments 1. The types of pancreatic carcinoma should be clearly addressed according to the WHO. 2. TABLES 1 through 3: The headline 'Histopathological subtypes' is not correct. The authors give not the entities, but the grading and it comes not clear the grading of which type of pancreatic carcinoma. 3. A two-based category for grading should be used: low and high grade. 4. Figure 1 B: the TBL1XR1 expression is shown in lymphocytes and not in tumor cells. This point is of high importance. The source of TBL1XR1 should be identified in the tissues and better correlated to the findings in cell culture. How does the authors verify that cancer cell but not lymphocytes are under investigation?

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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Manuscript NO: 54532

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Reviewer's code: 00503623

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Academic degree: MD, PhD

Professional title: Professor

Reviewer's country: United States

Author's country: China

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| | | | Conflicts-of-Interest: |
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript, 4532, reports the results of studies on the expression of TBL1XR1 and its function and the mechanism of action in pancreatic carcinoma (PCa) development. Based on the obtained the conclusion is that the patients with TBL1XR1-positive tumors has much worse overall survival rate than those with TBL1XR1-negative tumors. Moreover, it is shown that TBL1XR1 promotes PCa tumor cell growth through PI3K/AKT signaling pathway. While the presented results certainly support the reached conclusion, it should be noted that the role of AKT in cNOS activation through phosphorylation was not explored at all. This is a serious omission, since cNOS activation through Akt induced phosphorylation plays very important role in cell apoptosis as well as in the cellular signaling (see Inflammopharmacology, 18 (2010)233 – 240 and ISRN Gastroenterology 2011, doi.org/10.5402/2011/308727). Certainly, these papers should be incorporated into the revised paper. In addition,, the paper requires some language and grammar corrections (see Discussion “PI3K/AKT signalig pathway is participated in TBL1XR1-increase..”), instead participates...

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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

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Author's country: China

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language | (High priority) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good | polishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Accept | <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of | (General priority) | Peer-reviewer's expertise on the |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not | language polishing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision | topic of the manuscript: |
| publish | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection | <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced |
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| | | | Conflicts-of-Interest: |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript has elucidated the function and potential mechanism of TBL1XR1 in the development of pancreatic carcinoma. This paper is well written, and will be acceptable. However, it will require some revision before publication. 1, Please impact clinical relevance in this study. How were the effects of TBL1XR1 inhibitors for the patients with pancreatic carcinoma? 2, Please summarize figures.

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

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RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

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Title: TB X induces cells proliferation and inhibit cells apoptosis by PI3K/AKT pathway in pancreatic carcinoma

Reviewer's code: 00070310

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Academic degree: MD, PhD

Professional title: Director

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Scientific quality ☐ Grade A: Excellent ☐ Grade B: Very good ☒ Grade C: Good

☐ Grade D: Fair ☐ Grade E: Do not publish

Language quality ☒ Grade A: Priority publishing ☐ Grade B: Minor language polishing ☐ Grade C: A great deal of language polishing ☐ Grade D: Rejection

Conclusion ☐ Accept (High priority) ☒ Accept (General priority)

☐ Minor revision ☐ Major revision ☐ Rejection

Peer-reviewer statements Peer-Review: ☒ Anonymous ☐ Onymous

Conflicts-of-Interest: ☐ Yes ☒ No



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This paper is well revised, and will be acceptable. However, it will be acceptable for publication.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

Manuscript NO: 54532

Title: TB YX induces cells proliferation and inhibit cells apoptosis by PI3K/AKT pathway in pancreatic carcinoma

Reviewer's code: 02729532

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Scientific quality ☐ Grade A: Excellent ☒ Grade B: Very good ☐ Grade C: Good

☐ Grade D: Fair ☐ Grade E: Do not publish

Language quality ☐ Grade A: Priority publishing ☒ Grade B: Minor language polishing ☐ Grade C: A great deal of language polishing ☐ Grade D: Rejection



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Conclusion ☐ Accept (High priority) ☐ Accept (General priority)

☐ [Y] Minor revision ☐ Major revision ☐ Rejection

Peer-reviewer statements Peer-Review: ☐ [Y] Anonymous ☐ Onymous

Conflicts-of-Interest: ☐ Yes ☐ [Y] No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Good work. However, there are some minor grammar and spelling errors, which have been commented.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

Manuscript NO: 54532

Title: TB YX induces cells proliferation and inhibit cells apoptosis by PI3K/AKT pathway in pancreatic carcinoma

Reviewer's code: 02440884

Position: Editorial Board

Academic degree: MD

Professional title: Professor

Reviewer's Country/Territory: Germany

Author's Country/Territory: China

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Scientific quality ☐ Grade A: Excellent ☐ [Y] Grade B: Very good ☐ Grade C:



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Good

☐ Grade D: Fair ☐ Grade E: Do not publish

Language quality ☐ Grade A: Priority publishing ☐ Grade B: Minor language
polishing ☐ Grade C: A great deal of language polishing ☐ Grade D: Rejection

Conclusion ☐ Accept (High priority) ☐ Accept (General priority)

☐ Minor revision ☐ Major revision ☐ Rejection

Peer-reviewer statements Peer-Review: ☐ Anonymous ☐ Onymous

Conflicts-of-Interest: ☐ Yes ☐ No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the revised version of the experimental study to TBL1XR1 in pancreatic cancer the
essentials were addressed and I have no further questions.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

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pathway in pancreatic carcinoma

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Scientific quality ☐ Grade A: Excellent ☐ Grade B: Very good ☒ Grade C:
Good

☐ Grade D: Fair ☐ Grade E: Do not publish

Language quality ☐ Grade A: Priority publishing ☒ Grade B: Minor language
polishing ☐ Grade C: A great deal of language polishing ☐ Grade D: Rejection

Conclusion ☐ Accept (High priority) ☒ Accept (General priority)

☐ Minor revision ☐ Major revision ☐ Rejection

Peer-reviewer statements Peer-Review: ☒ Anonymous ☐ Onymous

Conflicts-of-Interest: ☐ Yes ☒ No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors successfully addressed the concerns.