

Dear sir/ madam,

We are submitting a revised version of our article entitled: "Proteasome regulators in pancreatic cancer" for consideration for publication in World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

The concerns of the reviewers have been addressed in our revision. Specifically:

1. We have added an extensive paragraph (second from last) with a discussion of challenges the field faces. In addition, we have revised and enriched the last paragraph provided specific directions for future pancreatic cancer drug development in the proteasome/ proteostasis field.
2. We have omitted the second figure that was partially overlapping with the first and added some points from it in the first figure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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