

Response to Reviewers

Revision of the manuscript by Traub, Roth, et al., entitled: “Stress-activated kinases as therapeutic targets in pancreatic cancer”

We have included the amendments to the typescript as suggested by all reviewers and editors. Our responses to each point are attached. The comments (verbatim) are depicted in italics and our responses are shown in plain text. Actions taken were highlighted in bold.

Self-cited references: There are 20 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations (i.e. those that are most closely related to the topic of the manuscript) and remove all other improper self-citations. If the authors fail to address the critical issue of self-citation, the editing process of this manuscript will be terminated.

Of the 20 self-cited references three references have been removed in the revised version of the manuscript. The references now meet the announced criteria (less than 10% of self-cited references).

(1) The “Author Contributions” section is missing. Please provide the author contributions; (2) The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s); (3) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

(1) The “Author Contributions” section has been added to the manuscript.

(2) Approved grant application forms have been uploaded along with the manuscript for all mentioned funding agencies and grants.

(3) As requested, original pictures as well as tables are now provided as separate files (figures in PowerPoint and tables in Word).