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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thanks for the opportunity to review the manuscript entitled “RON in hepatobiliary and pancreatic cancers: Pathogenesis and potential therapeutic targets”. The manuscript is well written and in a very important topic due to the poor prognosis and lack of targeted therapies in hepatobiliary and pancreatic cancers. However, there are minor comments that needed to be addressed before publication: 1- Please correct some typos throughout the manuscript. 2- In the introduction section, please clarify the sentence: “which are connected via to...” 3- Why did you decide to include c-MET in the chapter “The cancer pathogenic role of RON and c-MET”? The next chapter is only focused on RON. 4- Please revise the order of the chapter “Aberrant RON signaling and expression in cancer pathogenesis”: cell line studies should appear first and human tumor samples next. 5- In the same chapter, and also in the next one, there are so many sentences without reference. Please add the appropriate references. 6 - Abstract too long and repetitive --> please revise

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This review manuscript describes roles of RON in carcinogenesis and its application as a drug target of hepatobiliary and pancreatic cancers. In my opinion, the way of presentation is not attractive enough. Authors should add value to their paper through graphic, pictures, diagram and so on. I believe that if authors reduce molecular info and add more relating clinical info. It will probably help this point. Others comments are as below.

- Keywords: No space between " Key words". Please delete "Protein-" from this session and add "hepatobiliary" as additional keyword.
- Change the heading "THE CANCER PATHOGENIC ROLE OF RON AND c-MET" to "Roles of RON and c-MET in Carcinogenesis".
- In many places, authors used evidence in singular form but it should be plural form in the content.
- Authors should add more illustrations, diagrams, pictures, etc. It will help audience to understand easily and attract to them.
- Please use "hepatocellular carcinoma" or "hepatoma" (both are malignant tumor) instead of hepatocarcinoma.
- Please rewrite for more comprehensive and easier to follow.