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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Pan et al. have written a review concerning the study of glycoproteins in pancreatic cancer. This is an interesting topic that seems under-represented in publication, so a review is a good idea. It also makes sense that differential findings would be likely in a malignant transformation of the pancreas. The authors start out with good points about why it is important, and a nice coverage of what glycosylation is and how it gets examined, the figures are good. Then there develops a tendency in some places to describe studies made on a topic rather than digesting the information and putting it into a picture. That makes the review become tedious to read. For example, the next section is about the examination of body fluids from patients with pancreatic cancer to find biomarkers for early detection. CA19-9 is mentioned and a lot of detail is given that actually takes away from the clarity about how CA19-9 is used clinically. Probably instead of a section covering "analysis of glycoproteins in pancreatic cancer bodily fluids" a better heading would be "glycoprotein biomarkers found in pancreatic cancer" and then list them individually and state how they are used clinically and any problems associated with them. As a positive example, the section "ECM glycoproteins, proteoglycans and hyaluronan" does a much better job of giving a picture.