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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I have read very carefully the manuscript. I think the topic is very interesting. The introduction of appropriate length. The section of Materials and Methods is adequate. The representation of the results is satisfactory. The discussion is not appropriate length. I think that could be shortened.



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The manuscript by Fisher et al. is to investigate the Pdc4 expression in renal cell carcinoma, penile carcinoma, and testicular germ cell cancer. The authors found that the Pdc4 is strongly expressed in core and cytoplasm, but core and cytoplasmic Pdc4 levels is significantly decreased in the cancer tissues. These findings are important and may reveal a novel biomarker for renal and prostate cancers. However, the clinical importance of Pdc4 is unclear if there is no investigation into the relationship between Pdc4 expression and survival rate of renal cell carcinoma, penile carcinoma, and testicular germ cell cancer. Other minor concerns: 1. Several typos occur in the manuscript, which needs to be corrected. 2. Authors need to add a brief introduction of human renal, penile, and testicular cancers. 3. Authors need to provide represented figures of IHC staining. 4. Authors need to define the abbreviations of sRCC, pRCC, ccRCC, and chRCC. Are they different stages of renal cancer. A brief discussion of these will be greatly help for general readers. 5. What is the "core" staining? Is it a nuclear staining? 6. Authors should explain more in detail of the result showed in Table1 to Table 4. 7. Define NSGCT!!