

## ESPS Peer-review Report

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Although the article is well-written, it is noting more than an appraisal of another article (reference 14). In order to qualify as a review a well-balanced appraisal of the literature is essential.

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This is a well written editorial. I have only a few questions/suggestions as listed below. (i) Page 3, line 11, it should be read as "In fact"; (ii) Page 3, "bortezomib presents some shortcomings as a therapeutic agent"; the shortcomings should include "development of tumour resistance to bortezomib". (iii) The author mentioned in several times about "tumour-specific protease". Is it true that such a protease is completely not present in normal cells/tissues or it exists in normal cells in a lower level? The author needs to further clarify this point. (iv) One more point: tumour cellular pH is more acidic than a normal cell, which might favour the pH-dependent equilibrium of "pro-soft" drugs to gain the activity selectively in tumour cells. The author needs to discuss this point. (v) The administration route of the drug in figure 3 should be mentioned.