

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: WJG_5318 revised10-2013.doc).

Title: Opioid Growth Factor and the Treatment of Human Pancreatic Cancer: A Review

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Corrections to the format have been addressed.

2 All comments by the reviewers have been addressed.

1) "it is not suitable to show data in the review article. Please give the main actions of OGF for anticancer". We believe that the figures summarized a substantial amount of data, but we have removed the figures. The main actions of OGF have been added to the "core tip" section on page 2, and have been cited on pages 4, 5, 6, and 8.

(2)"Is this product applied for pancreatic cancer only?" - answer: NO. We discuss the ubiquity of OGF's effects for a variety of cancers (30 different human cancer cell lines representing more than 13 different cancers on page 9.

(3)Non-toxic and safe biotherapy ...needs more references. We reference the preclinical animal safety studies on pages 6-8, and the human clinical trials (both Phase I and Phase II) on pages 9 and 10.

(4) Authors cited too much of their publications. Please add others. We are the inventors listed on patents for treatment of cancer with OGF. Drs. Zagon and McLaughlin own patents on the identification, isolation and characterization of OGF_r, the gene and protein expression. Other than our colleagues performing clinical work - there has been no other published studies. The OGF-OGF_r pathway is new and novel.

(5) Specific inhibition of pancreatic cancer was not discussed in detail. More details have been added to the section on preclinical studies (pages 6-8) and to the clinical trial section on pages 9 -10.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ian S. Zagon'.

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