

POINT-BY-POINT RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

We would like to thank the reviewer and editorial board for the support and positive reviews for our manuscript.

We would like to point out that the scientific editor mentioned 6 self-citations, and that they should be kept to around 10%. However, there are just 4 self-citations in the manuscript, as listed below:

15 Sancho P, Barneda D, Heeschen C. Hallmarks of cancer stem cell metabolism. *Br J Cancer* 2016; **114**: 1305–1312. [PMID: 27219018 DOI: 10.1038/bjc.2016.152]

17 Sancho P, Burgos-Ramos E, Tavera A, Bou Kheir T, Jagust P, Schoenhals M, Barneda D, Sellers K, Campos-Olivas R, Graña O, Viera CR, Yuneva M, Sainz B, Heeschen C. MYC/PGC-1 α Balance Determines the Metabolic Phenotype and Plasticity of Pancreatic Cancer Stem Cells. *Cell Metab* 2015; **22**: 590–605. [DOI: 10.1016/j.cmet.2015.08.015]

27 Espiau-Romera P, Courtois S, Parejo-Alonso B, Sancho P. Molecular and Metabolic Subtypes Correspondence for Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma Classification. *J Clin Med* 2020; **9**. [PMID: 33371431 DOI: 10.3390/jcm9124128]

31 Jagust P, de Luxán-Delgado B, Parejo-Alonso B, Sancho P. Metabolism-Based Therapeutic Strategies Targeting Cancer Stem Cells. *Front Pharmacol* 2019; **10**: 203. [PMID: 30967773 DOI: 10.3389/fphar.2019.00203]

We consider this is a fair number of self-citations, way below the mentioned threshold of 10%.