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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Stem cell article 12830-revised).

Title: Stem Cell Biology in Thyroid Cancer: Insights for Novel Therapies

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The manuscript has been edited according to the suggestions of reviewers.

Please find below the responses and changes made to address reviewer's comments:

1. The review is well written and wisely restricted to thyroid cancer. I have no suggestion and recommend publication in its present form. Minor points: 1. Page 8, last sentence §2 is confusing.

Response: Thank you for reviewing our manuscript. We appreciate your comments. Corrections in page 8 line 2 have been made in our revised manuscript.

2. Were these figures published or they are original produced for this review? The inclusion of figure(s) that was published earlier without modification (Figure 3) may not be appropriate. The journals published these figures may hold the copyright and require permission to reproduce them. Even with the permission, there should be a citation in the figure legends indicating the origin of the figure. If the figure(s) is original, please give details about the figure (methods obtaining the image, materials and methods or treatment etc).

Response: Thank you for reviewing our manuscript. Your comments have been valuable. Figure 3 has been replaced by a new figure that is originally produced and has not been published anywhere. All the figures/images provided with this manuscript have been produced from our previous experiments and are created for the sole purpose of this review. These figures have not been published anywhere and are not being considered by other journal. The details of figures have been added with the figure legends and appropriately referenced in our manuscript.

Again, we thank you for consideration of our manuscript in *World Journal of Stem Cells*.

Sincerely,



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