

We are pleased to hear that our manuscript “**The polyglutamylase activity of TTLL4 is negatively regulated by the NIMA family kinase NEK5**”, by: Talita Diniz Melo-Hanchuk and Jörg Kobarg, is preliminary acceptable for publication for publication in the World Journal of Biological Chemistry and acceptable after thorough revision. We carefully considered each of the suggestions and revised our manuscript accordingly.

We believe that the revised version of our manuscript was improved and a detailed response to each of the reviewer’s concerns is listed below. We hope that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication and we would like to thank you for your time spent in considering our manuscript.

Sincerely,

Talita Hanchuk and Jorg Kobarg

Reviewer #1:

1. Abbreviation of NEK5 should be standardized though whole manuscript.

We appreciated the comment and all the abbreviations were standardized.

2. The phosphorylation sites of TTLL4 were identified by Mass spectrometry and point mutations were introduced (by what).

Point mutations were introduced by QuikChange II Site-Directed Mutagenesis Kit (Stratagene, LaJolla, CA) to generate the NEK5-KD (K33A - inactive mutant of NEK5), TTLL4-T813E, TTLL4-T815A, TTLL4-Y815F, TTLL4-Y815A TTLL4-S912E, TTLL4-S960E, TTLL4-S960A, TTLL4-T968E, TTLL4-S1136A, TTLL4-S1139E and TTLL4-S1136A. We improve the text to make it clear.

3. At the end of the introduction section, instead of mentioning the hypothesis of the study, the authors stating the conclusion, why?

The end of introduction was revised to catch the reader’s attention and only small part of results was presented.

4. Arrive guidelines is an animal research: reporting of in-vivo experiments.

All the experiments of this work were performed in cell lines or in vitro by using protein extract.

5. Minor English editing is recommended.

We have checked carefully the English language. We trust the text improved substantially.

**(1) Science editor:**

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a basic study of the polyglutamylase activity of TLL4 being negatively regulated by the NIMA family kinase NEK5. The topic is within the scope of the WJBC. (1) Classification: Grade B;

We appreciate your comment and we hope the data can be release soon to the scientific community.

(2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: It is an interesting study. However, the abbreviation of NEK5 should be standardized though the whole manuscript.

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The authors should provide more information about the factor(s) that were associated with the point mutations being introduced.

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The Introduction section needs to be revised. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered;

The conclusion of introduction was improved as suggested by the reviewer and the English was checked. We hope now the text in catching the reader's attention.

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