

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 19964-review.doc).

Title: Modulators of alternative splicing as novel therapeutics in cancer

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer 03086186

The reviewer is overall very positive. The only point raised is related to “some typing errors”. The manuscript has been now spell-checked properly and revised.

Reviewer 03081710

The reviewer is also overall positive. He/she asks whether “more examples of spliced transcripts (specially of known cancer genes)” may be added. I have pointed out in the original version several recent reviews that describe these types of alternative splicing events, including one of mine – [Oltean and Bates, *Oncogene*, 2014 “Hallmarks of alternative splicing in cancer”]. It is beyond the scope of this editorial to detail on this – however, I have added a few examples of splice variants of some of the most common oncogenes / tumour suppressors.

Reviewer 00405262

The reviewer recognizes this work as “very nice and concise review” but suggests to “better focus on diagnostic, prognostic and therapeutic implication of RNA splicing in myeloid neoplasms”. I respectfully disagree with this point – firstly, this is an editorial not a review and therefore meant to pinpoint advanced areas not in-depth reviewing; missplicing in myelodysplastic syndromes are indeed mentioned. Secondly, while the idea of having a review focused on myelodysplastic syndromes is very good, the intent of this particular work is to include ideas applicable to all cancers in general.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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