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Peer Review Report for "The Role of Tachykinins in the Initiation and Progression of Gastrointestinal Cancers: A Review"

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Revision (0)

Here, you can see the **Reviewers**, **Associate Editors** and **EICs'** comments from the beginning to the end of the revision process.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 27 Feb 2020

Dear EIC,
1- The English of the text needs to be revised by a person familiar with the English language.
2- The keywords need to be revised. Some other words should be added to them.
3- Two sections about “The action of TKs in the gastrointestinal tissue “ and The role of TKs antagonists in the tumor therapy” should be added to the article. They should be explained completely.
4- The used references are old. There are no articles published in 2018 or 2019 in the references section. The authors should use the newly published data in their review.
Thanks.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) 29 Feb 2020

Dear Author,
Regards to the associate editor's comments, your manuscript needs major revision, please revise it and resubmit it.
Thanks.

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Revision (1)

Reply to Reviewers

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Reviewers' Comments and Authors Response

(Manuscript number: #100717)

Dear Editor,

We appreciate the opportunity to revise and resubmit our paper titled "The Role of Tachykinins in Initiation and Progression of Gastrointestinal Cancers: A Review ". All of these comments were very helpful for revising and improving our review paper. We have studied these comments carefully and have made corresponding corrections that we hope will meet with your approval. Changes to the revised manuscript are highlighted by colored (blue) text using the tracked changes function of Microsoft Word. The responses to the reviewers' comments are provided below.

Authors' Response to Associate Editor #1:

Reviewer Point #1: The English of the text needs to be revised by a person familiar with English language.

Authors' Response:

We followed Reviewer's recommendations and we are very grateful for these suggestions. Now, we completely revised the manuscript, which are highlighted by colored (blue) text using the tracked changes function of Microsoft Word.

Reviewer Point #2: The keywords need to be revised. Some other words should be added to them.

Authors' Response:

We thank the reviewer for his/her insightful comment. In response to reviewer's comment, the correction has been made and we added some new keywords including (G-protein coupled receptors and pharmacological inhibitor).

Reviewer Point #3: Two sections about "The action of TKs in the gastrointestinal tissue "and The role of TKs antagonists in the tumor therapy" should be added to the article. They should be explained completely.

Authors' Response:

We have appreciated the comment by the reviewer. Now, we wrote some explanations about TKs effects in various human gastrointestinal malignancies and the clinical role of TKs antagonists in the tumor therapy have been added in the revised manuscript to provide a better understanding of this issue.

Reviewer Point #4: The used references are old. There are no articles published in 2018 or 2019 in the references section. The authors should use the new published data in their review.

Authors' Response:

Thank you for your comment. Following Reviewer's suggestion, manuscript is updated with 11 new references, including the paper by Davoodian et al. (1), Gharaee et al. (2), Lorente et al. (3), Niu et al. (4), Deng et al. (5), Javid et al. (6, 7), Munoz et al. (8), Tamizhselvi et al. (9), Wang et al. (10), Maekava et al. (11), Zain et al. (12), and Öztürk et al. (13).

We would like to express our great appreciation to you and the reviewers for the comments on our paper. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 23 Mar 2020

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The manuscript needs to be revised. There are some grammar mistakes.
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REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 1 Apr 2020

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Regards

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Thanks.