Author’s response to reviews

Title: Epidermal growth factor induces HCCR expression via PI3K/Akt/mTOR signaling in PANC-1 pancreatic cancer cells

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Dear Dr. Sabina Alam

Thank you very much for your letter and advice. We have revised the paper, and would like to re-submit it for your consideration. We have addressed the comments raised by the reviewers, and the amendments are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript. We hope that the revision is acceptable, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,
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Response to referee 1:
Thanks for Dr. Young Jung’s advice.

Response to referee 2:
Major Compulsory Revisions

Question
The manuscript has been substantially improved. However, there is minimal data to support that the HCCR-1 expression is lower in normal pancreas. The authors show one band. Therefore, this statement should be removed from the manuscript.

Answer: We have already removed the data of HCCR-1 expression in normal pancreas from the manuscript (in Fig 2G and page 10, paragraph 2).