Reviewer’s report

Title: High SIRT1 expression is a negative prognosticator in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinomas

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. Since the author suggested that SIRT1 is an independent prognosticator in PDACs and plays an important role in pancreatic cancer cell growth, we asked to discuss this matter; Role of SIRT1 between clinical PDAC samples and pancreatic cancer cell lines. We found their discussion that makes their issue more supportable.

2. To support a positive role of SIRT1 in growth, we proposed siRNA or nicotinamide treatment for SIRT1 suppression or inhibition. They followed our suggestion in figure 2 and 5.

3. We asked cambinol effect on SIRT1 in regular figure not in supplementary result. We found their result in figure 9.

In general, the authors followed our suggestions and guide lines but we still found their very minor mistakes such as no consistency of unit: hours and hrs. In addition, we recommend to correct chemical formulation using lower letters; instead of H2O, use H2O.

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'