Reviewer's report

Title: Glycogen Synthase Kinase-3 Inhibition Disrupts Nuclear Factor-kappa B activity in Pancreatic Cancer, but Fails to Sensitize to Chemotherapy

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Discretionary Revisions:
1. Page 15: Upon first mention of Figure 4, insert (24 and 72h data not shown).

2. Page 19, middle paragraph: Although identifying synergistic drug combinations is the ultimate goal, drugs demonstrating additive effects may also be worth pursuing for deadly diseases such as pancreatic cancer. Even small improvements in therapy may have a significant impact on this disease. Thus, it might be reasonable to state this paragraph in a more positive light and perhaps revise the title. As it stands, the title emphasizes the negative results. If "sensitize" refers to a synergistic response then the title is appropriate; however, if "sensitize" can refer to either additive or synergistic effects, then the title is not accurate.


Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

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