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Dear Sir,

Please, find enclosed a revised version of the manuscript Paper number MS: 1089850365582193

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The Following changes have been made:

- **MAJOR REVISIONS (WE REQUIRE THE AUTHOR TO MAKE THESE CHANGES) AUTHORS‘ CONTRIBUTIONS: PLEASE INDICATE THAT ALL AUTHORS READ AND APPROVED THE FINAL MANUSCRIPT.**
  - Reply: In the Authors Contributions the above sentence have been inserted

- **REFERENCES: PLEASE MAKE SURE REFERENCES ARE CITED IN NUMERICAL ORDER. WE NOTICE REFERENCES 15 TO 20 ARE NOT CITED WITHIN THE MAIN TEXT**
  - Reply:
    - Reference 15 was cited in the following sentence of the “Background section” << A number of alternative mechanisms of peripheral T-cell apoptosis have been defined. Distinction has been made between active apoptosis, which follows stimulation and activation of the T cells, and passive apoptosis which occurs as a result of withdrawal of the sustaining cytokines following activation [13-16].>>
    - Reference 20 was cited in the following sentence of the “Background section”.<< Activation of death receptors by their ligands can initiate apoptosis. Fas and TNF receptors are more clearly understood than others, and their important role in peripheral T cell apoptosis has been demonstrated. Fas/FasL interaction is particularly important in initiating activation induced cell death (AICD) of CD4+ T cells [17-20]. >>
• AND THAT SEVERAL OTHER REFERENCES ARE CITED OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE MAKE SURE REFERENCES CONTINUE TO BE CITED IN NUMERICAL ORDER ONCE CORRECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

  • Reply: In the previous revision through Edanz group, two reference were deleted because cited twice. Thus, the number of reference were decreased from 39 to 37.

  The following reference were cited twice in the previous version of manuscript:

• Sytwu HK, Liblau RS, McDevitt HO: The roles of Fas/APO-1 (CD95) and TNF in antigen-induced programmed cell death in T cell receptor transgenic mice. *Immunity* 1996, 5: 17–30. 31.


• MINOR REVISIONS (WE CAN MAKE THESE CHANGES FOR YOU,ALTHOUGH IT WILL SPEED UP PUBLICATION OF YOUR MANUSCRIPT IF YOU DO THEM WHILE MAKING THE MAJOR CHANGES ABOVE)

  TABLES: PLEASE CHANGE ALL COLOURED ELEMENTS TO BLACK

  • Reply: All elements of table are black.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Paola Di Carlo