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Title: Fibroblast activation protein-alpha-expressing fibroblasts promote the progression of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma

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Dear Dr Rooman

We sincerely thank you for your constructive suggestions for editing the manuscript. We have edited according to your suggestions. A point-by-point response to the concerns is described below. Edited sentences are described in red-color font.

We would be very grateful if you could consider our re-revised manuscript for the publication in BMC Gastroenterology.

Page 3 Line 6 specify positive correlation
We have specified positive correlation (Page 3, lines 6-7).

Page 3 Line 13 rephrase ?association? 
We have rephrased as described in lines 13-14 in page 3.

Page 5 line 15 one ?3 drinks ?
We have revised as follow follows:
Alcohol intake was defined as 37.5 g/day or more on the basis ----- (Page 5 line 15).

Page 10 lines 2-6 and lines 8-12 move to discussion
We have moved this paragraph to discussion (Page 12 lines 9-13).

Page 11 lines 3-8 move to discussion
We have moved this paragraph to discussion (Pages 13-14 lines 21-3).

Page 12 line 9 delete ?to be exact?
We have deleted according to the suggestion (Page 11 line 17).

Page 13 lines 12-17 rephrase
We have rephrased as described in lines 10-13 in page 13.

Page 15 line 2 replace ?on? by ?in? 
We have replaced “on” by “in” (Page 15 line 3).

Page 15 lines 6-10 delete and rephrase as follows: Albeit with data from only one cell line, our
in vitro results and the association of FAP expression with clinical outcomes provide us with a better understanding of the influence of FAP?. (copy lines 16-19)

According to the suggestion we have deleted this paragraph and rephrased as described in lines 7-11 in page 15.

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