Reviewer’s report

Title: Secretion of fibronectin by human pancreatic stellate cells promotes chemo resistance to gemcitabine in pancreatic cancer cells

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Reviewer: Pashtoon Murtaza Kasi

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Dear Authors,

I'd like to congratulate you and your team on a job well done and well presented.

The manuscript is well written and tells a story.

The role of the tumor micrenvironment is increasingly being recognized. This is especially true for pancreas cancer.

The fact that uptake wasn't different but chemotherapy sensitivity was is very intriguing.

From a clinical standpoint, it'd be of value to add any studies and the results on drugs affecting the fibronectin/integrins. Also any data on ERK inhibition to help overcome chemo resistance?

Good Wishes,

Pashtoon.

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