Author's response to reviews

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To

Tim Sands  
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Dear Dr Steinbeck and Dr. Wild:

I, along with my coauthors, would like to ask you to consider the attached manuscript entitled “TaxKB: A knowledge base for new taxane-related drug discovery” for publication in the BMC Medical Genomics as a database article.

Despite the promise taxane compounds have offered as anticancer drugs, no database of these molecules exists to date. We have created the TaxKB database, dedicated to this therapeutically important family of molecules.

Our database contains entries for hundreds of taxane molecules reported in the literature, including many of their properties that will aid researchers in the drug development cycle. We believe that the findings of this study are relevant to the scope of your journal and will be of interest to its readership.

This manuscript has not been published or presented elsewhere in part or in entirety, and is not under consideration by another journal. All the authors have approved the manuscript and agree with submission to your esteemed journal. There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

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