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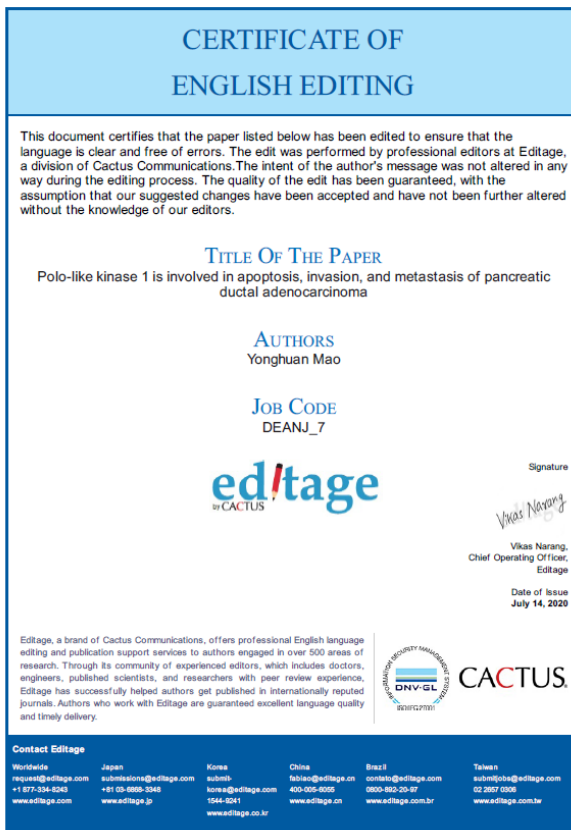
Reviewer A

Comment 1: There are issues with spacing throughout; these need to be resolved to ensure the article looks professional and is finished to a high standard.

Reply 1: Thanks for the reviewer's comment. We have removed the spacing.

Comment 2: There are issues with punctuation throughout; this makes the text difficult to follow and can even affect the meaning of the text upon reading. In the example below, a comma has been used instead of a full stop, resulting in a long sentence.

Reply 2: Thanks for the reviewer's comment. We have checked the punctuation and ordered the editing service from Editage. The certificate has been provided as following.



Comment 3: There are grammatical errors throughout. For instance, the sentence below omits a subject but fails to take the structure of the passive form. Therefore, it will need to be restructured to ensure it can be understood by the reader.

Reply 3: Thanks for the reviewer's comment. We have ordered the editing service from Editage to correct the writing issues. The certificate has been provided.

Comment 4: In some sentences, such as the one below, verbs have been omitted altogether. Verbs are integral to the meaning of a sentence. The sentence below also contains an example of incorrect spacing and a spelling error ("overnight").

Reply 4: Thanks for the reviewer's comment. We have ordered the editing service from Editage to correct the writing issues. The certificate has been provided.

Reviewer B

Comment 1: Strictly speaking, the current study cannot discover Plk1 as a therapeutic target because no treatment effectiveness was investigated.

Reply 1: Thanks for the reviewer's comment. We have kept more eyes on the potential effect of Plk1 in the pancreatic cancer and looked forward to the treatment effect. Our manuscript has been revised by an Editage English service.

Comment 2: Results of abstract. In addition to exact P values, I suggest the authors to add main statistics of their main findings. Showing P values only cannot help readers assess the true differences between groups.

Reply 2: Thanks for the reviewer's comment. We have provided the statistics in the Results and Captions.

Comment 3: Introduction. There have been many potential pathways and kinases involving the etiology of pancreatic cancer. It would be helpful to review several progresses in this area and provide insights on why Plk1 is deserved to be attention. No or few related studies is not a good reason for this study, because there is too

much unknown. In the 2nd paragraph, the author mentioned their previous study, but no reference provided. Please double check.

Reply 3: Thanks for the reviewer's comment. We have cited the previous study in [42].

Comment 4: Statistics. "And the total data were analysis into mean \pm SD." A problematic sentence. The study also has some grammatical errors, please carefully edit.

Reply 4: Thanks for the reviewer's comment. We have ordered the editing service from Editage, and corrected all the grammatical errors. We would provide the certificate of English editing.

Comment 5: Results. For describing P values, I suggest the authors to provide the exact P values all throughout.

Reply 5: Thanks for the reviewer's comment. We have added the P values in the paper.

Comment 6: In general, a limitation paragraph is necessary for this paper.

Reply 6: Thanks for the reviewer's comment. We have added more discussion section about the limitation in the article.