Peer review
Agarwal, Savya. 2025. “Optimizing Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells Stability and Reprogramming: Bridging Regenerative Medicine and Cancer Treatment through Proposed Antibody-Transcription Factor Conjugates.” *Journal of High School Science* 9 (1): 105–32.

The manuscript is very well researched, written and presented. Congratulations. It is however not publishable in its current form since it presents information from the public domain and does not significantly contribute to the corpus of existing knowledge in the field. It does not satisfy the Journal’s expectations of a review manuscript found here: https://jhss.scholasticahq.com/for-authors, types of manuscripts, review papers.
To be publishable, the manuscript must “…..extract/extrapolate/ information from published research that has not yet been published……” I therefore suggest that you research and include the following idea:
Investigate the possibility that currently administered monoclonal antibody drug conjugates (ADC) for the treatment of cancer be superseded by ATFC (antibody transcription factor conjugates). These Transcription factors (TF) will revert the cancer cell back to its stem-pluripotent state (in essence manufacturing iPSCs’ invivo). Furthermore, the TFs’ will be chosen such that the iPSC (derived from the cancer cell) will be incapable of transforming into a cancer cell upon differentiation. This may actually also attenuate the propensity of the cancer cells to become resistant to the (ATFC) therapy since they are no longer being killed by the therapy.
You are free-of course- to think of other ideas/information that has not yet been published in the public domain. Once you include this (or other) premise and discussion, your manuscript will then be eligible for publication.
In addition, please peruse the following references for information that you have not covered in your manuscript as well as supporting evidence for the idea above.
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I look forward to reviewing this very informative and well written manuscript when it has satisfied the Journal’s expectations for this category of manuscripts.

Response to Reviewer Comments

This document outlines the modifications undertaken according to the reviewer's remarks, citing where and how modifications were incorporated into the revised paper titled "Optimizing iPSC Stability and Reprogramming: Bridging Regenerative Medicine and Cancer Treatment through ATFCs."

Addition of ATFC-Based Cancer Therapy Discussion

Reviewer's Comment: The paper lacks a new contribution and does not extrapolate novel ideas beyond available knowledge.

Added a new paragraph presenting Antibody-Transcription Factor Conjugates (ATFCs) as a new cancer therapy platform to replace ADCs for cancer cell reprogramming into stable non-malignant states.

Changes Made:

Abstract: Now includes ATFCs as a new oncology modality.

Section 4.1 (Reprogramming Cancer Cells to Overcome Genetic Instability): Presents ATFC mechanisms of action and suppression of oncogenic relapse.

Section 5.1 (Designing ATFCs for Targeted Reprogramming of Cancer Cells and Stable Differentiation): Includes details regarding ATFC design and therapeutics.

Incorporation of Novel Safety Mechanisms for ATFCs

Reviewer's Comment: The paper does not indicate how reprogrammed cancer cells will be prevented from reverting to malignancy.

Response: Included several safety mechanisms:

Self-Terminating ATFCs: Engineered to express inducible apoptotic caspases that trigger cell death in the event oncogenic markers (e.g., MYC, KRAS) are regained.

MicroRNA-Based Monitoring: Uses tumor-suppressive microRNAs (e.g., miR-34, let-7) to dynamically monitor and control reprogramming.Changes Made:

Section 5.1 (Engineering ATFCs for Selective Cancer Cell Reprogramming and Stable Differentiation): Now includes integrated safety controls.

ATFC Tumor Quiescence & Immune Reprogramming

Reviewer's Comment: The paper does not mention how reprogramming rather than killing cancer cells can avoid resistance.

Response: Included discussion on induction of tumor quiescence as a substitute for cytotoxicity.

ATFCs can get cancer cells to enter a quiescent state of non-dividing instead of directly killing them, reducing selective pressures for the development of resistance.

ATFC-reprogrammed cells can be immunogenic reservoirs, which allow immune cells to identify and naturally eliminate them.

Changes Made:

Section 6.1 (CRISPR-Mediated Control of Transcription Factors to Enhance ATFC Therapy): Included immune modulation approaches and tumor quiescence.

Enhancement of iPSC Reprogramming Stability & Efficiency

Reviewer's Comment: The article does not present concrete solutions to enhance reprogramming efficiency and genetic stability.

Response: Integrated new stability-enhancing approaches:

Dual-Antigen ATFCs: More specific towards cancer cells with lower off-target toxicity.

CRISPRa-ATFCs: Are able to drive endogenous pluripotency genes, without exogenously delivering TFs, minimizing insertional mutagenesis risks.

Pre-Patterned Reprogramming: Regulates differentiation towards pre-defined non-malignant cell fates.

Changes Made:Section 4.1 (Reprogramming Cancer Cells to Mitigate Genetic Instability): Describes targeted mechanisms for reprogramming.

Section 5.1 (Designing ATFCs for High Fidelity Cancer Cell Reprogramming and Robust Differentiation): Describes in detail the approach to improve differentiation fidelity.

5. Elaboration of Conclusion to Highlight Novel Contributions

Reviewer's Comment: The conclusion should highlight the novel implications of ATFCs and why they are important in oncology and regenerative medicine.

Response: Elaborated on the conclusion to highlight how ATFCs offer a paradigm shift in cancer therapy and hold promise in future precision oncology and regenerative medicine.

Section 8 (Conclusion): Now features ATFCs as a non-cytotoxic alternative that stabilizes rather than kills cancer cells, with future applications in synthetic niche engineering and AI-based quality control.

Summary

All of the reviewer comments have been addressed through major additions and enhancements to the manuscript. The updated paper now:
Introduces ATFCs as a novel cancer therapy approach.
Proposes new safety measures to prevent malignant relapse.
Explores tumor quiescence and immune reprogramming as an alternative to cytotoxicity.
Successfully reprograms iPSCs through new genetic and epigenetic approaches.
Aids the manuscript's contribution in the conclusion.

The above modifications guarantee the paper delivers extrapolated ideas that are a step beyond prior work, fulfilling the journal's criteria for a publishable review paper.

Thank you for addressing my comments. Accepted.