Reviewer's report

Title: Microdissection: A method developed to investigate mechanisms involved in transmission spongiform encephalopathy pathogenesis

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General
The authors of the manuscript have taken into account the majority of the points made in evaluation report and made the appropriate changes. I still cannot understand why they didn't perform densitometry on the photographic films obtained from the western blot analysis and quantitate their results in comparison with equally exposed film of a known amount of a known protein. The literature concerning the sub organ distribution is not thoroughly covered.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
none