Reviewer's report

Title: Pathogenic substitution of IVS15+5G>A in SLC26A4 in patients of Okinawa Islands with enlarged vestibular aqueduct syndrome or Pendred syndrome

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Minor Comment:

In page 11, authors should describe that there is no relation between occurrence of thyroid goiter and mutation genotype.

As author described, SCL26A4 expression hardly detected by quantitative RT-PCR from peripheral leukocyte. If possible, authors should show the absolute expression level in normal one cell. Only two molecule of mRNA are in one cell even in healthy genotype.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interest to this paper.