Reviewer's report

**Title:** Irresponsiveness of two retinoblastoma cases to conservative therapy correlates with up-regulation of the VEGF-A pathway.

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**Reviewer:** Young Hee Yoon

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Authors reported very interesting cases with new hypothesis.

**Major Compulsory Revisions**

1. It is not clear whether these two cases should be classified as 'irresponsive tumors' to conservative treatment. Both cases seemed to have responded fairly well after the treatment initially and then found to have a bad recurrence after several years of lost(?) follow-up. Authors should describe more detail of the disease course during the follow-up period.

2. Authors concluded that these irresponsive cancer eyes showed higher concentration of VEGF-A and other parameters. They compared the level of VEGF-A and other parameters in the recurrent RB eyes with that in normal eyes. However, it should be compared with the level in the 'responsive' RB eyes, in order to make a fair conclusion.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'