Reviewer’s report

Title: Microarray analysis of DNA damage repair gene expression profiles in cervical cancer cells radioresistant to 252Cf neutron and X-rays

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The authors have adequately addressed all the issues raised.

Minor Essential Revisions (typographical and grammatical):

1. On p. 2, under “Results”, the opening sentence “The radioresistant sub-lines HeLaNR and ……..” does not make sense and needs to be edited.

2. On p. 9, lines 232-233, “Chronic exposure of cells to IR leads to an adaptive response that enhances cellular tolerance of cytotoxicity induced IR”, also needs to be edited.

3. Line 283, “The number of genes that underwent homologous ……..” should be “The number of genes that are involved in homologous ……..”.

4. Line 306, “KLOPP et al [38] detect 12 cervical cancer patients ……..” should be “… examined ……..”, not “detect”.

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 declare that I have no competing interests