Reviewer's report

Title: The natural triterpene maslinic acid induces apoptosis in HT29 colon cancer cells by JNK-p53 dependent mechanism.

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This paper describes the effects of maslinic acid on the genotoxicity, cell cycle, phosphorylation of JNK, and expression of p53, Bid, Bax, Bcl-2, Cyt-c, and four kinds of caspases. These data seem to be new and complement the author’s previous findings (Cancer Lett, 2009 Jan 8;273(1):44-54.). There also seem to be no apparent grammatical or statistical problems.