Reviewer's report

Title: Synergistic effects of oncolytic reovirus and docetaxel chemotherapy in prostate cancer

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No major or minor essential revisions are required.

The manuscript is acceptable as provided in its revised form. Modifications made by the authors in response to reviewers' comments are modest but sufficient. This is not a dramatically new finding, compelling in its significance, but is rather a minor addition to a complex and confusing (yet still important) area of research. We still don't know why synergy is found among these drugs and reovirus (sometimes, with some cell lines, but not always). The speculation regarding a key role for acetylated tubulin is interesting but not yet conclusive. Even so, the paper adequately documents a range of biological response that must be considered as relevant to future clinical trials that may be undertaken. On a final note (and as a minor but vexing grammatical issue) the authors still do not recognize the word 'data' as plural.

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:

This reviewer has no competing interests.