Reviewer's report

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The authors have addressed most of my concerns. However, it remains confusing that they could not detect BimEL in Figure 2A, while this Bim isoform is the most abundant form of Bim in cells. The authors should elaborate this in more detail. Another worry is Figure 5, in which caspase-9 blot is still not in publishable quality. This needs to be improved.

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