Reviewer's report

**Title:** Overcoming Bcr-Abl T315I mutation by combination of GNF-2 and ATP competitors in an Abl-independent mechanism.

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**Reviewer:** Paolo Neviani

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The authors have satisfactorily addressed all of my concern except the one raised in point 1.

The authors claim that it is not possible to use parental Ba/F3 cells in clonogenic assays. The BaF3 parental cell line is dependent on IL-3 for its growth. It is known and published that the addition of recombinant IL-3 or WEHI-conditioned medium to clonogenic assays is able to sustain BaF3 colony formation. It is extremely important to show that a therapeutic window can be achieved with the proposed treatments. This should be fairly easy to assess.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests