Reviewer's report

Title: Nrf2 is required to maintain the self-renewal of Glioma stem cells.

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Zhu et al., “Nrf2 is required to maintain the self-renewal of glioma stem cells”.

This work tries to demonstrate that Nrf2 is important for the self-renewal of glioma stem cells.

Unfortunately, this paper is not well-organized. Especially, the figures are not properly cited in the text. In the manuscript, I found 16 figures. But the legend says these figures are grouped into 5 composite figures and it is very difficult to follow the composition. The authors should cite each panels of the figures, i.e. Figure 1A and 1B, more precisely in the text. And label each figure (panel) correctly.

Figure legends lack minimum and essential information. So this reviewer cannot evaluate each data. Especially, legends to Figure 2A, Figure 3 (CD133 appears in the legend but nestin appears in the figure), Figure 4, are very poor.

For these reasons, this manuscript does not reach the standard to be put into the review process.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interest.