Reviewer's report

Title: Knocking down CDK4 mediates the elevation of let-7c suppressing cell growth in nasopharyngeal carcinoma

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The authors have now addressed the questions raised. Some minor essential revisions are still needed.

Major Compulsory Revisions

None

Minor Essential Revisions

The authors mention in their latest response that “Table 2 described the correlation between the clinicopathologic characteristics and expression of CDK4 protein from NPC patients who did not accept any treatment of radiotherapy and chemotherapy”. What is the difference between the 133 samples that are described in the “Materials and Methods” and the 109 samples that are described in Table 2? It should be made clear how many samples were included in the survival analyses.

The independent prognostic value of CDK4 did not reach statistical significance (p=0.087). The authors should also report this p value in the abstract.

Discretionary Revisions

The authors can choose to omit Figure 5C and instead discuss the difference in survival courses between radiotherapy-treated and non-radiotherapy treated patients in the text.

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:

I declare that I have no competing interests