Reviewer's report

Title: FHL1C induces apoptosis in Notch1-dependent T-ALL cells through an interaction with RBP-J

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I believe all major revisions have been provided by the authors.

Remaining minor essential revisions:
1. Transcript ID: 007 ENSSSCT00000032876 refers to Sus scrofa and must be replaced by the correct identifier for human mRNA.
2. Page 9, first and second paragraph: The methods sections mentions GAPDH and actin as a reference for normalization of RT-PCR data. Please specify in the figure legends which one has been used (Fig 3G, 5C, 6A).

Discretionary Revisions:
1. Page 5, second sentence I would rephrase:
"Although the currently used multi-agents chemotherapy results in 5-year relapse-free survival rates of over 75% in children and over 50% in adults, relapse usually is associated with resistances against chemotherapy and a very poor prognosis."
2. The heading for the section "RT-PCR" should be "Patients, RNA extraction, RT-PCR, sequencing"
3. Page 9, first paragraph, last sentence could be rephrased: "DNA sequences corresponding to the HD and PEST domains were amplified using nested PCR according to previous report[7], and then sequencing was performed by a Biotechnology Company."

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.