Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Retroviral expression of a kinase-defective IGF-I receptor suppresses growth and causes apoptosis of U87 PTEN-negative glioblastoma cells in-vivo.

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

**Advice on publication:** Accept after discretionary revisions

I really have no unfavorable comments on this paper. It is well written, and well documented. If I really must make a criticism, it is the title. The title makes you think that PTEN is one of the two major players in this ms. (the other is the dominant negative IGF-IR). In reality, most of the paper characterized the dominant negative (accurately), and only the last part deal with the PTEN-negative glioblastoma cells. Perhaps,. the title should be rewarded to confirm with the content of the paper.

**Competing interests:**

None declared.