Reviewer's report

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct) The authors have generally addressed the questions raised during the previous review. On remaining question involves the statement in the legend of Figure 1C that levels of Bak protein were significantly higher in transfected cells than controls (p < 0.01). It is not clear how this was quantified. Was densitometric analysis used?

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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Declaration of competing interests:

none