Reviewer’s report

Title: Association of RASSF1A and CASP8 promoter methylation in neuroblastoma

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Reviewer: Reinhard Dammann

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General
The revised manuscript ‘Frequent promoter hypermethylation of RASSF1A and CASP8 in Neuroblastoma’ by Lazcoz, Castresana et al. was significantly improved and reports new findings on the inactivation of potential neuroblastoma tumor suppressors.

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

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. The statistical significance of Rassf1A and Casp8 methylation should be indicated in the abstract.
2. In the Introduction a reference for BLU hypermethylation in different tumor entities is missing.
3. Table 1: ‘Diagnostica’ should be replaced by an English term and references for the Ki67, LoH1p and MYCN amp should be indicated.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No