Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Nina Nupponen

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Authors correspondence: "We agree with the reviewer that experiments such as growing tumors in the presence of e.g. imatinib or vehicle would be very exciting. Unfortunately, Dr. Suzuki who performed the tumor experiments has moved back to Japan, where he is unable to continue this project. It will therefore be very difficult to motivate a new investigator, willing to do the required extensive experimentation without being first author”.

Reviewer: This is somewhat troublesome, since the inhibitor data would have been extremely interesting.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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.