Reviewer's report

Title: Differential expression of 12 histone deacetylase (HDAC) genes in astrocytomas and normal brain tissue: class II and IV are hypoexpressed in glioblastomas

Version: 2 Date: 1 August 2008

Reviewer: Peter Atadja

Reviewer's report:

I have reviewed the revised manuscript and the comments from the authors and as the have removed the strong link to HDAC inhibitors from the aims of the study and have also revised the title to better reflect the results, I would then encourage the publication of the revised manuscript. The paper advances our knowledge on the relative expression of HDAC isoforms in brain tumors, which should form a basis for further studies.