Reviewer's report

Title: The Critical Role of ERK in Death Resistance and Invasiveness of Hypoxia-selected Glioblastoma Cells

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This is an interesting and well written manuscript, investigating the role of The Critical Role of ERK in Death Resistance and Invasiveness of Hypoxia-selected Glioblastoma Cells. After carefully reviewing the article submitted by Park et al we came to the following conclusions:

1. Park and his co-workers showed in the current form of this manuscript there results using on cell type namely T98G. Their results are interesting and also represent an important contribution to the development of cancer treatment approaches.

- Since it will take around 6 months to fulfil this point and that the data that they obtained and presented in the current submitted manuscript are established enough and fulfil the publishing requirements in BMC Cancer, I personally think they can publish it as they are now in the current version.

On the other hand, when they obtain the comparative results of with the other cell line, namely GaMG, what will happen in around 9-12 months from now, they are obliged to submit another new separate paper manuscript to BMC Cancer with the results of these experiments using GaMG cells. This can be an advantage for the BMC readers to compare between the results of the two papers.

2. Park and his co-worker re-classified the glial tumor tissue according to WHO grade (grade I, II, III, and IV) and showed it in Table.

In my opinion, the knowledge obtained from the data presented in this manuscript represents an original contribution to the research in this field. Therefore, recommend publishing this manuscript submitted by Kim et al, in BMC Cancer without changes in the current form.

Also I would like to wish this study group a lot of success in their future studies.

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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