Reviewer's report

Title: c.1810 C>T Polymorphism of NTRK1 Gene is associated with reduced Survival in Neuroblastoma Patients

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The authors present an interesting study linking a specific polymorphism in the TK domain of the NTRK1 gene to an adverse prognosis of the neuroblastoma. It does not appear clearly in the text how frequently this allele was present in the control population. The authors state in the conclusion that this polymorphism does not predispose to neuroblastoma development but I do not understand on which data this statement is based.

In addition, a nested study of constitutional DNA in patient with the polymorphism present in the tumor should be added to ascertain if the polymorphism is not constitutional.

Surprisingly, stage 4 does not appear to be prognostic in the multivariate analysis. The authors should provide an explanation for that.

Finally, some indications on the treatment received by the patients should be provided, at least as per protocol in order to allow the readers to judge if their results could be generalized.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.