Reviewer’s report

Title: RASSF1A protein expression and correlation with clinicopathological parameters in renal cell carcinoma

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The manuscript 'RASSF1A protein expression...' by Tezval et al was greatly improved and several flaws were eliminated. Details of results were added and the manuscript is more comprehensible. However, it is important to understand a manuscript without the help of previously published data.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. I suggest that a representative figure for the immunohistochemical analysis of the tissue microarrays should be presented. The paper of Peters et al 2007 does not show a figure with a tumor of high RASSF1A expression (labeling index >25%) compared to a tumor with low RASSF1A expression (<25%). Therefore these data should be shown.

# Minor Essential Revisions

1. Title of table 2 could be improved: 'Relationship of high RASSF1A labeling index (>25%) and clinicopathological parameters for the entire study group (n=318)'

2. Figure 1: Add (%) to the x-axis and (cases) to the y-axis.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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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