Reviewer’s report

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The authors revised their manuscript (MS 1924513230504997, 'MIA is a potential biomarker for tumor load in neurofibromatosis type 1') sufficiently.

Additional comment:
One suggestion given by Bruce R. Korf was to clarify if MIA positive (and/or MIA negative) cells are Schwann cells. The authors replayed that they were not able to do S100 staining because 'MIA was visualized with chemical substrate on sections'. As the methodology described by the authors is a simple immunohistochemical staining, an immunohistochemical double-staining (MIA/S100) should similarly be feasible.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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