Reviewer’s report

Title: Pro-neural transcription factors as cancer markers

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Reviewer’s report:

- Major Compulsory Revisions

The manuscript needs some work on the language. Lack of punctuation throughout the text is striking.

- Minor Essential Revisions

1- There are two paragraphs entitled “Background”, the second one should be entitled “Introduction” instead, and should clearly and sufficiently state the need for this work based on the scientific literature and the additions it brings to the field.

2- Describe the abbreviation NE at first citation.

3- In the paragraph describing data on Figure 4, “data shown” should read “data not shown”.

4- Punctuation throughout the manuscript should be revised and corrected.

5- Insert page numbers.

6- Create a “Statistical Analysis” at the end of “Materials and Methods” section.

- Discretionary Revisions

None

What next?

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- Accept after minor essential revisions (which the authors can be trusted to make)

Level of interest

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- An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English

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- Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests
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I declare that I have no competing interests

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