Reviewer’s report

Title: BRAF mutations in thyroid tumors from an ethnically diverse group

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The manuscript “BRAF mutations in thyroid tumors from an ethnically diverse group” by Schulten et al describes the screening of mutation in BRAF in different thyroid tumors in patients from Middle East and North Africa. The study is well carried out and results are clearly described. As reported earlier, the investigators find the occurrence BRAF as fairly common occurrence particularly in papillary thyroid cancer. The study is a competent addition to the literature on BRAF mutation in thyroid cancer and represents a novel report on thyroid tumors in Middle East.

Minor Essential Revisions

I have one suggestion that authors should specify the exact number of tumors for which they had fresh frozen tissues.

Authors should mention, if microdissection was carried out to separate tumor cells.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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