Reviewer's report

Title: Familial Testicular Germ Cell Tumor: No Associated Syndromic Pattern Identified

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The authors performed the first extended study on the presence of congenital anomalies/dysmorphic features in familial TGCT. This is a well written paper and I only have 1 comment:

- as the authors correctly state in the last paragraph of page 11 (quote:)"...these traits are subjectively defined by the examiner...."

Because of this, it would be helpful to the readers if the following was explained more clearly in the methods section.

I assume that the individuals were examined by 1, rather than 2 or 3, from a group of 3 clinical geneticists (EAW, MLM, CMM) and that all clinical photographs of the faces were reviewed by CMM. Is this correct?

If so, I assume CMM also reviewed the pictures from her 'own' patients. Wouldn't it have been better to have those reviewed by another colleague from that geneticists group?

In addition, what happened if, during review, CMM scored facial features different from the original examiner, or where there no such occasions?

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' below