Reviewer’s report

Title: BOVINE LEUKEMIA VIRUS DISCOVERED IN HUMAN BLOOD

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Reviewer: James Lawson

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The Editor and the second reviewer raised highly relevant questions. These questions are important because of the serious implications of the outcomes of this current study.

The authors appear to have carefully and successfully answered these questions.

The outcomes of this current study, when considered in the context of previous reports of bovine leukemia infections and cancer in humans, indicate a need to control bovine leukemia viral infections in cattle on a global basis.

In my opinion the manuscript should be published without further changes.

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