Reviewer’s report

Title: Treatment of gastrointestinal stromal tumours in paediatric and young adult patients with sunitinib: a multicentre case series

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My views are as follows:

- Not all of the patients are of pediatric age and the text flows rather liberally for this matter, which is unacceptable. The authors have to decide to report only on patients of pediatric age or not. If some patients are to be named "young adults", this should be throughout the text, not when needed; a reader can detect the otherwise.

- Even if there is a negligence of the pathological diagnostic parameters for a concise treat on sunitinib, the mutational analyses - at least some - of the patients should be included. There seems to be a sharp declaration of these GISTs being wild-type for KIT and PDGFRA. Any reader interested in the field would request a figure of these tests. Besides, I would recommend the names of the mutational analytic methods to be provided in a table with full brand names.

- Other than the above comments, I do not see a problem with the rest of the manuscript and would recommend this to be published in your journal, provided that the above-mentioned issues are dealt with accordingly.

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