Reviewer's report

Title: Association between TGFBR1*6A and susceptibility to osteosarcoma in a Chinese population in the case-control study

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This is a revised manuscript on the association between TGFBR1*6A and osteosarcoma.

The authors have appropriately addressed my critiques. However, the following items need to be addressed prior to application.

Major comments:

1) The English of the revised manuscript is still very poor. There are multiple typos and the authors must have a native English speaking individual review the manuscript. Here are some examples of changes that must be done:

Change the title to: "Association between TGFBR1*6A and osteosarcoma: A Chinese case-control study"

Line 5: add "and controls" after cases

Line 12: Correct the spelling of "Heteozygotic" to "Heterozygotic"

There are so many additional spelling and grammatical mistakes that it is painful to read...

2) The authors cite references showing an association between TGFBR1*6A and increased susceptibility to renal cell cancer (refs 12-15). However, none of these references include patients with renal cell cancer:


15. Kaklamani VG, Hou N, Bian Y, Reich J, Offit K, Michel LS, Rubinstein WS,

There are no report of an association between TGFBR1*6A and kidney cancer. The closest reference is another reference by Chen et al., which reports an association between another variant of the TGFBR1 gene and carcinomas of the kidney and the bladder: