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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled “The ectopic expression of the osteogenic master gene RUNX2 in melanoma” by Valenti et al analyze last findings in the field of cancer genetics, particularly the role of Runx2 transcription factor in metastatic melanoma. The paper is well written and summarizes some functions of Runx2 transcription factor. However,



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recent studies have found that Runx2 is overexpressed in cancer cells, enhancing their migration and invasion (Boregowda R.K., et al 2014; El-Gendi M.S., et al 2016; Li X.Q., et al 2015; Pratap J., 2005; Sase T et al 2012;), - the processes that are closely linked to blood stream, particularly endothelial cells. Runx2 is also very important for some endothelial cells functions (Li QL et al., 2002; Lund KH et al 2002, etc). Runx2 and VEGF are both positively regulate each other to stimulate endothelial cells migration (Zelzer et al., 2001, Namba et al., 2000; Sun et al., 2001). Metastatic melanoma share many antigens with vascular endothelial cells (Haass et al., 2005) and although melanocytes and skin fibroblasts arise from neuroepithelia during early embryonic development are more mesenchymal in adults. To this end I would recommend to address this issue also to make the manuscript more comprehensive. I would also recommend indicate that BRAF, KIT, NRAS, PTEN, P53, TERT and MITF are not only ordinary genes but also master transcription regulators of very important functions.

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The manuscript “The ectopic expression of the osteogenic master gene RUNX2 in melanoma” by Valenti et al., highlights the role of RUNX2, a member of RUNT-related gene family, which appears to be deregulated in human cancer. The manuscript explores the many relationships between this gene and many signaling pathways



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involved in development of several tumors including breast, pancreatic, prostate, and other cancer types. Interestingly the authors point out that RUNX2 prevents p53 activation, thus deregulating Epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT). Therefore, the authors conclude that RUNX2 could be involved in cancer invasion and metastasis in Melanoma. The manuscript provides new insights on Melanoma development; it is interesting and of possible clinical relevance.

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