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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is an interesting study that concluded that regulation of TTLL activity is through phosphorylation, pointing to NEK5 as a potential effector kinase. They suggested a general control of tubulin polyglutamylation through NEK family members in human cells. Minor concerns should be considered 1. Abbreviation of NEK5 should be standardized though whole manuscript. 2. The phosphorylation sites of TTLL4 were identified by Mass spectrometry and point mutations were introduced (by what). 3. At the end of the introduction section, instead of mentioning the hypothesis of the study, the authors stating the conclusion, why? 4. Arrive guidelines is an animal research: reporting of in-vivo experiments. 5. Minor English editing is recommended.