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I have been asked to review Dr. Michael Michal's Habilitation Thesis and I have the following to say:

This is an impressive piece of work, both qualitatively and quantitatively. The main research field (and aims) of Dr. Michal is in the taxonomy of uncommon/rare neoplasms in several organsystems. With the rapid development of molecular genetic methods, the taxonomic landscapes of neoplasms in virtually all organs are being restructured, e.g. our ability to better understand the biological properties and the clinico-pathological features of (especially) malignant tumours are being continuously refined and this is increasingly being translated into direct patient care. Dr. Michal's work is instrumental in this respect.

Using state-of-the art molecular genetic and immunohistochemical techniques/methods, in conjunction with highly skilled histomorphological observations and, in most studies, comprehensive clinical data, Dr. Michal's work has described several new neoplastic entities, which have been thoroughly characterized on clinical, histomorphological and molecular genetic levels. Dr. Michal's work has also added new information to, i.e. deepened our understanding of, several previously known uncommon/rare tumour types. Hereby, Dr Michal has meet the stated aims of his thesis.

Of note is that Dr. Michal's work has been published in highly reputable, peer-reviewed, international journals, often with very high impact-factor.

I unreservedly recommend that Dr. Michal's work/thesis should be put up for defence.

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