Reviewer's report

Title: Co-culture of primary human tumor hepatocytes from patients with hepatocellular carcinoma with autologous peripheral blood mononuclear cells: Study of their in vitro immunological interactions.

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As a minor comment I recommended to depict standard deviation in their graphs. Although the authors responded to my comment by providing standard deviations the revised changes are not acceptable yet. In figures 4c and 5c graph scales are not correct thus standard deviations are not illustrated completely or seem to be truncated.

I recommend changing the graph's scales to show standard deviations as a whole. Furthermore SD levels are very high so significant changes between some groups appear remarkable but due to a collective of 11 patients/cell preparations it may be possible.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.