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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Reviewer: Frank Tacke

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The authors have chosen not to address my concerns that had remained after the first round of review. It is disappointing that they were not even willing to perform a simple real-time qPCR to back up their inconclusive FACS data. However, overall the topic and the results are interesting, thus I think it is fair to accept the manuscript for publication.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.