Reviewer's report

Title: Mechanism on the recruitment of endothelial progenitor cells into neo-vessels in adjacent non-tumorous tissues with hepatocellular carcinoma

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Major problems: I find the FACS plots (Fig 3) unconvincing as the diagonal streaks would appear to result from inadequate filter compensation. In other words the apparent high correlation of the receptors suggests an artifact in the FACS settings.

The IHC are difficult to interpret. For example Fig 4, what is what?
There are a lot of details missing (e.g. numbers of sections evaluated) and the English is poor

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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