Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Angiotensin II type 2 receptor signaling significantly attenuates growth of murine pancreatic carcinoma grafts in syngeneic mice

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To the authors:

The manuscript entitled "Angiotensin II type 2 receptor signaling significantly attenuates growth of murine pancreatic carcinoma grafts in syngeneic mice" describes the implication of Angiotensin II type 2 receptor signaling in pancreatic cancer growth. This is a novel finding that furthers our understanding of this disease. It also opens several possible follow-up studies both in spontaneous mouse models of pancreatic cancer and in human tissues, studies that are clearly beyond the scope of this initial paper. The original manuscript lacked clarity and was in some instances inaccurate in the description of the results. Those issues appear to have been appropriately addressed in the revised version, which is now suitable for publication.

**minor comments:**

1) In the legend for figure 5, "AT2 overexpressed fibroblasts" should probably read "AT2 overexpressing fibroblasts"

2) The explanation of figure 5 in the main text is still somewhat hard to interpret, even though it is greatly improved compared to the first version. I think a better explanation of the rationale of the experiment would help readers understand the experiment.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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