Reviewer's report

Title: HGF/c-met/Stat3 signaling during skin tumor cell invasion: indications for a positive feedback loop.

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This is a revised manuscript that examines the role of STAT3/HGF/c-Met in a squamous carcinoma skin cell line.

As before, the manuscript is well-written and the topic is relevant.

All of the suggested revisions have been addressed adequately in the authors’ response with one exception:

The study was conducted in a single cell line. The authors’ response was that expanding the study to other lines would be a labor-intensive. However, any study conducted in a single cell line is severely limited. At the very least, the key in vitro experiments should be repeated in additional lines. Transient transfection with siRNA may be a simple solution to abrogate the need to create stable clones.