Reviewer's report

**Title:** Peretinoin, an acyclic retinoid, improves hepatic gene signature of chronic hepatitis C following curative therapy of hepatocellular carcinoma

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This manuscript from Dr. Honda M. et al. describes the detailed mechanisms of peretinoin for suppressing HCC recurrence based on the gene expression profiles. Their findings are novel and significant. The authors’ experiments appear to be technically solid and their data are convincing. The text is also well written and I have no serious criticism regarding methodology, results, and interpretation of results.

**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.