Reviewer’s report

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In the revised manuscript by Rong et al, the authors have included additional data that enhance the manuscript. Particularly the authors attempted to identify the targets of miR-221 in HCC cells, which might extend our current understanding of miR-221’s working mechanism. In addition, the inclusion of patient’s recurrence data dramatically improve the overall quality of this study. The authors have addressed the questions from reviewers.

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