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Reviewer # 1 (Erina Vlashi)

Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Erina Vlashi

Reviewer's report: I think the authors have addressed the questions in a satisfying manner.

Review #1 has no suggested changes for the manuscript.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable
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Reviewer #2: Chann Lagadec

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Reviewer: Chann Lagadec

Reviewer's report: I reviewed the corrected manuscript from Weng et al., untitled “Expression and Significance of HMGB1, TLR4 and NF-#B p65 in Human Epidermal Tumors”. The authors improved the manuscript, responding to all the both reviewers comments. However the study is still descriptive and weakly convincing. Nevertheless, this study might be helpful for researchers in the research area.

Minor comments:

Authors should improve abbreviations to clarify: ec (too close to extracellular), ics (to close to intra cellular)...

We apologize for our somewhat irregulaity in describing the abbreviations, and we
changed “HMGB1 ics” into “HMGB1 intercellular space” in Fig.ij and Fig.5, “HMGB1 ec n” into “HMGB1 epithelial nucleus” in Fig.1k and Fig.5, “HMGB1 inflam cell” into “HMGB1 inflammatory cell” in Fig.1l and Fig.5, “TLR4 ec m” into “TLR4 epithelial membrane” in Fig. 2f and Fig.5, “p65 ec n” into “p65 epithelial nucleus” in Fig. 3h and Fig.5, “p65 inflam n” into “p65 inflammatory nucleus” in Fig. 3i and Fig.5, and “HSP70 ics” into “HSP70 intercellular space” in Fig.4f and Fig.5 in the revised figures considering the reviewer’s kind comment.

We also omitted the abbreviations of HMGB1 ics, HMGB1 ec n, HMGB1 inflam cell, TLR4 ec m, p65 ec n, p65 inflam n and HSP70 ics in the revised FIGURE LEGENDS.

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