Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Despite that the authors thought that their primary HCC xenograft model is more biologically relevant to human HCC than the cell lines, I would still like to see some results from the cell lines.
2. The authors demonstrated their clinical results in the moderately differentiated recurrent HCC. I would like to see some extra results from other differentiated recurrent HCC, especially in poorly differentiated recurrent HCC.

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.