Reviewer's report

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After the corrections the revised manuscript improved a lot. However, there are still a few minor changes necessary prior acceptance and publication.

- Figure 2 (D): Please show as a (supplementary) figure pictures of the invaded cells.
- Figure 3 & 4: One beta-actin is not enough for all these different blots. At least another beta-actin blot should be added for each figure.
- Figure 6: The authors did a calculation of the migration index and showed the results in the rebuttal letter, but did not integrate the new diagrams in the final manuscript.

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