Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Suberoylanilide hydroxamic acid, an inhibitor of histone deacetylase, suppresses vasculogenic mimicry and proliferation of highly aggressive pancreatic cancer PaTu8988 cells

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**Reviewer:** Zhigang Bi

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In the current study, Dr. Xu and his co-authors discovered that report the vasculogenic mimicry formation in cultured human pancreatic cancer cells, showed that the HDACi SAHA executes a significant anti-VM efficiency in the progressive pancreatic cancer cells. Akt inhibition and Sema-4D down-regulation were proposed as the signal mechanisms.

Overall, this reviewer feels this is a well-organized study, and the results were interesting and convincing. The English writing of this paper is fine.

I only have a few minor points.

Please go back and check the English writing of this paper, it could be further improved, pay special attention of some of the typos.

Figure 6, please also include non-phospho-kinases for all the blots.

Thanks.

**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.