Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

I have two comments for the authors as follows:

1. On page 8, the authors need to provide the rationale of "focusing on Akt signaling".

2. For the scratch assay of cell migration and vasculogenic mimicry, the investigators need to show whether the cells are viable at the time of the assays. In other words, how do they know that the inhibitory effects of SAHA on cell migration and vasculogenic mimicry are not indirect and secondary to decreased viability.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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I have no financial competing interests.