Reviewer's report

Title: Characterization of human malignant mesothelioma cell lines orthotopically implanted in the pleural cavity of immunodeficient mice for their ability to grow and form metastasis

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General

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

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
The authors responded to my previous comments in their letter, and I recommend incorporating their answers into the manuscripts. Specifically mention the study limitations as such in the section of discussion, and explain why specific IHC biomarkers were studied. In addition, I recommend adding the new references on animal models of mesothelioma mentioned in my previous comments.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'