Reviewer’s report

Title: Systematic validation of predicted microRNAs for cyclin D1

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Reviewer: Sifeng Chen

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Authors’ response:
Major Compulsory Revisions: The band orientation, edge effect and band running speed are different between cyclin D1 and internal control in each of the 3 pair images.

We reprobed the membranes with #-actin and ccnd1 simultaneously so that these bands appeared in the same blot. As shown in the figure here, it is clear that the patterns matched with Fig.4, although the intensity of the bands might be slightly different. (by the way, I felt insulted. Can you ask this reviewer what is the basis of this above statement even after he/she was informed that they came from the same blots).

Comment:
It is confusing that the authors reprobed the membrane the instead of showing the unmodified images of the previous film. Showing the original previous images will easily clear the doubt.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.