Reviewer's report

Title: Tumor hypoxia, in association with inflammation, angiogenesis and MYC, is a critical prognostic factor in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma after surgery

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General comments
The authors described that importance of HIF-1alpha expression in the HCC biological behaviors and prognosis. However, many concerns are raised to be solved.

Specific comments
1. Why are the molecules including Cox-2, MMP7,9, VEGF, etc selected? These molecules are associated with HCC, however its significance and importance do not seem to have impacts.
2. Why did the authors pick up HIF-1 alpha? The explanation is not enough.
3. Are there array data in the manuscript?
4. English is poor.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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