Reviewer’s report

Title: An attractive new method for isolation of bladder cancer stem cells from a MB49 cell line

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Minor essential revisions
1. I would recommend the authors to change the title of the manuscript because the method employed for isolation of stem cells have been previously used for various other cancers. For example, Wang C et al (2012, Oncol Rep) have screened for CD44/CD133 for isolating CSCs from murine melanoma cell lines. Use of defined media to propagate stem cells using B27, FGF, EGF etc have also been extensively used. Therefore, this method is not new but a modified version to isolate stem cells from an established cancer cell line. Therefore, even thought the protocol followed is novel to MB49 cells, it is not new. Highlighting the findings from MCSC might be more appropriate.

2. Please mention that MB49 is a murine cell line.

3. Figure 2 needs scale bars and magnification details.

4. Please provide with references, especially in the methods section.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.