Reviewer's report

**Title:** Both Talin-1 and Talin-2 correlate with invasion and migration in human hepatocellular carcinoma

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In this manuscript the authors Fang et al elucidate the role of Talin1/2 in hepatocellular carcinoma. The authors show that this protein may be involved in invasion, migration and tumorigenesis in HCC cells.

**Major comments:**

1. An article by the same group shows that Talin1 correlated with reduced invasion in HCC. How does that study fit in with the current study?
2. How does Talin ½ regulate invasion and migration in HCC. Is it possible to do a mechanistic analysis?
3. The authors have very compelling animal data showing that Talin plays a significant role in tumorigenesis. An accompanying histology in the main figure panel would add to the message.

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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