

## Review of: "The Stay-Or-Leave Dilemma of Cells in Punctuated Tumors"

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- 1. I am not aware of the term "Punctuated-type carcinomas." If this is a term that the authors are using to refer to tumors with regions of specific characteristics, it should be clear in the text.
- 2. "Nothing in biology breaks this paradigm." This is a very strong sentence that should be used more carefully, as the concepts of evolution and regression may be observed in living organisms.
- 3. Figure 1: Please indicate whether the micrographs are from the authors or from someone else. Also, the top panels are not perfectly clear the side marks (that say VHL and BAP1) should be clearer regarding their meaning.
- 4. "From an ecological perspective, tumor cells try to escape by developing metastatic competencies..." this sentence implies that cells have an "intent." I suggest this sentence be adjusted in order to avoid this.

In summary, this manuscript approaches a very interesting topic and is well written; however, it seems to be an introduction to a more complex work, such as a commentary article, rather than a review article. I advise the authors to further explore the topics mentioned in the current version of the manuscript.

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