Reviewer's report

**Title:** Clinical significance of erythropoietin receptor expression in oral squamous cell carcinoma

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This is a well-written manuscript.

Minor Essential Revisions:

The authors concluded that EPOR can be used as a biomarker to predict the clinicopathological features and therapeutic target in oral cancer. Because the Cox's regression model revealed that only the T and N classifications were independent prognostic factors for survival, the authors have to make full discussion that advanced T and N could lead to tumor necrosis and hypoxia that resulted in high level of EPOR.

**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