Reviewer's report

**Title:** Overexpression of YAP 1 contributes to progressive features and poor prognosis of human urothelial carcinoma of the bladder

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**Reviewer:** Robert Stoehr

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Liu and coworkers present an interesting study on YAP1- overexpression in human urinary bladder cancer and its association with aggressive diseases.

The study was well conducted and the conclusions made by the authors were adequate.

One major point I want to ask the authors: what is their definition of "adjacent normal tissues"? For the interpretation of the results it is essential to know if normal urothelium or normal urothelial tissue (including stroma and/or muscle) was analysed.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

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

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.