Reviewer's report

**Title:** Mitogen Activated Protein Kinase Kinase Kinase 3 (MEKK3) overexpression is an early event in Esophageal Tumorigenesis and is a predictor of poor disease prognosis

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**Major Compulsory Revisions**
1. In Table 1, the Cytoplasmic/Nuclear Positivity number of histopathology is 63, but the sum of 21, 33 and 10 is 64, the related number should be wrong.
2. The parameter which is not significant in the Kaplan Meier Survival analysis, should not be put into the Multivariate Cox regression analysis, thus will influence the results.

**Minor Essential Revisions**
1. The median follow-up time should be provided
2. Some language errors should be corrected

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**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