Reviewer's report

Title: Metformin induces an intracellular reductive state that protects oesophageal squamous cell carcinoma cells against cisplatin but not copper-bis(thiosemicarbazones)

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The study was well designed and the manuscript elucidated how Metformin affected cell proliferation and chemo-resistance of OSCC cells with a new perspective. To further improve the work, the authors should consider to clarify the relationship between glutathione and thiol in the section of Introduction. Moreover, the English of the text needs minor improvement, with which sentences can be more easily understood.

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.

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I declare that I have no competing interests