Reviewer's report

Title: HMGA1 and HMGA2 expression and comparative analyses of HMGA2, Lin28 and let-7 miRNAs in oral squamous cell carcinoma

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This manuscript has improved after last modification, for example, the real-time RT-PCR primers as well as accession numbers in Gene bank involved in the present study were provided. However, insufficient in the number of tissues from human and canine respectively was still considered a limitation for this study.

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. Figure 1 was labeled with A, B, C and D, but in the legend to figure 1, there were only A and B, please check it. Moreover, the specific statistical method used in the study still not mentioned. The same holds true for Figure 2.
2. Figure 3 and 4 were supposed to detect HMGA2 expression in human and canine OSCC by IHC respectively, the authors should show the statistic result of IHC for human or canine OSCC tissue rather than just put 6 pictures there.
3. In Figure 3 and 4, was the magnification times labeling for both B and C the same?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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' below.