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Covering letter with a point-by-point description of the changes made.

1. **Country** - The country has been included in the affiliation details.

2. **Short title** - Short title has been removed from the title page.

3. **Keywords section** - The keywords section has been removed from the title page.

4. **Corresponding author** - The corresponding author details on title page have been included.

5. **Abstract** - The Background section has been changed to review the current knowledge in the field of clinical treatment of head and neck carcinomas and to explain how this knowledge prompted us to carry out the current study.

6. **Section headings** - The numbering from the section headings have been removed.

7. **Conclusion** - This section has been renamed “Conclusions”.

8. **Competing interests** – We wrote “the authors declare that they have no competing interests”.

9. **References** - The reference list has been formatted in the journals style. We removed full stops or semicolons after the authors’ initials. The instructions for authors on the journals website have been considered. We corrected some journal names ensuring that we use the correct Medline abbreviation. The reference list now contains all authors names. (The term et al had to be used only in the reference no. 13 according to the original medline-citation).

10. **Figure legends** - Fig. 1 has been sublabeled as A and B, and the figure legend has been revised accordingly. The current Figure 3 has been relabelled as Figure 2, and so on. All references to the figures in the manuscript file after the changes have been changed. Thus, in total, 4 figures have been uploaded. (Fig 1 A+B, Fig 2, Fig 3, Fig 4)

11. **Figures** have been cropped as closely as possible using “Word”.

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