Reviewer’s report

Title: Prognostic factors associated with the survival of oral and pharynx carcinoma in Taiwan

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General

The authors have answered the points the best they can. However, I still think this paper uses data of very poor quality because it is hospital based, the main variable, ethnicity, is based on a proxy - residence, and the most important prognostic factor, tumor stage, is unknown. This is a descriptive paper and all explanations proposed for the differences found are speculative.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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