Reviewer's report

Title: Antisense oligonucleotides and all-trans retinoic acid have a synergistic anti-tumor effect on oral squamous cell carcinoma

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This manuscript confirms previous observation that As-ODN-hTR and ATRA has a synergistic anti-tumor effect in vivo. This article is a very clear data.

1. In method sections, author should show administered method of ATRA.
2. In discussion section, author should explain a relationship between telomerase activity and Bcl-2 expression.
3. In discussion section, author should explain a relationship between ATRA and Bcl-2 expression.

Therefore, I think the article should be revised in its current form.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.