Reviewer's report

Title: Distribution of immune cells in head and neck cancer: CD8+ T-cells and CD20+ B-cells in metastatic lymph nodes are associated with favourable outcome in patients with oro- and hypopharyngeal carcinoma

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Although fundamental problems with interpretation of aggregated clinical material may impact on the validity of the conclusions the authors have drawn, the data are now presented in a manner that allows the reader to draw their own conclusions as to significance and interpretation.

The text still contains several references to "TILs" in non involved lymph nodes. Why not just call them lymphocytes, wherever they are?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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