Reviewer’s report

Title: Long term survival following the detection of circulating tumour cells in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma

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Reviewer: Jeffrey Chalmers

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Review of: “Long term survival…”
Authors: Winter et al.

General Comments.

This is an improved version and is now acceptable. I would like to suggest, if possible, to include a summary table which lists the patient info, patient outcome, as well as the RT-PCR status of the blood samples. It would really help trying to wade through all of the data and results.

Specific Comment.

Page 4 of introduction….. 10^7 nucleated cells per ml of blood!!

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.