Reviewer's report

Title: Expression of Hiwi in human esophageal squamous cell carcinoma is significantly associated with poorer prognosis

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The authors tried to fulfill the criteria for good publication. Still there are several points that might be clarified:

1) Experimental design: Was there positive expression of Hiwi in "non-cancerous" surrounding tissue, or precancerous lesions?

2) Quantification of the completeness of follow-up data should be described according to methods presented by Clark et al. How many patients were censored in each group? Is the frequency of censored data between groups comparable?


Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'