Reviewer’s report

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

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Hiwi, a human homologue or Piwi family, is involved in control of self-renewal and differentiation, then considered as stem cell associated gene. He et al. analyzed Hiwi expression in esophageal cancer, revealing cytoplasmic Hiwi expression to correlate with histological grade, T stage, and prognosis. The findings obtained from the present study is new, and clinically useful, then could be published in international journals.

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.