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Authors present here a very interesting study about a relevant topic in head and neck cancer. They immunohistochemically examined SNAI1 expression in 46 tumors and 26 nodal metastasis. Both the design as well as the methodology used here are correct. Results are interesting and their discussion is brief but well performed.
Thus, I recommend the publication of this manuscript.
However, I also suggest:
• To remove in the last paragraph of the Background section the results (description of SNAI1 expression, and the antibodies expression profile in the two cases that had a sarcomatoid component). In this section there should not have results.
• On Table 2 there were not statistically significant association among SNAI1 expression and other variables included here. I suggest the authors increase the sample size in future studies in order of raise the power of the statistical tests.

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