Reviewer's report

Title: Vascular basis of mucosal color

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General

Thank you for asking me to review this paper. I have the following comments to make:

Abstract: This clearly states the aims of the paper and its conclusions. In subsection "Results", line 2, I am not sure of the meaning of "disparate depiction". Does it mean "variable position"? This needs to be clarified.

Background: Minor linguistic modifications need to be made. Otherwise, essentially clear.

Methods: in subsection "Histology...", define "tumour surgery". What sort of tumour, all the same tumours, etc.? Again, minor linguistic modifications need to be made.

Results: clearly stated; minor linguistic modifications need to be made.

Discussion: difficult to understand because of language but with careful reading, the conclusions and their relevance are to be found towards the end. This section needs considerable language modification.

References: I presume this the required format for this journal. If so, they are correct and have all been quoted in the text.

Figures and tables: clear and relevant.

COMMENT

This paper should be accepted. It does need considerable language modification for the sake of clarity. I assume the technical editor will attend to this matter but should you require assistance, I would be happy to suggest the modifications. If you wish me to do this, I will need to have the paper in Word format.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I HAVE NO competing interests.