Reviewer's report

Title: Nuclear expression of p65 (RelA) in patients receiving post-operative radiotherapy for locally advanced squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck

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The authors demonstrated an interesting study addressing the role of p65 expression in the treatment outcome of SCCHN. Although the topic might be attractive to the readers, there are some problems exiting in the current manuscript.

1. How the cut-off value of 5% has been chosen? Does the study endpoint differ due to the different cut-off values chosen. The authors are advocated to provide the rationale of choosing cut-off value or use ROC curve to select the potentially best cut-off value.

2. The authors are advocated to add some more useful information to the current literature and SCCHN research.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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