Reviewer's report

**Title:** Clinical significance of OCT4 and SOX2 protein expression in cervical cancer

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**Reviewer:** Anupam Basu

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This reviewer cannot support this statement, "OCT4 was an independent poor survival factor but SOX2 showed as a favorable prognostic factor" [Discussion, Line 225-226], because there is a huge increase in the level of SOX2 cancer stages than normal cervix. Though in the present study SOX 2 may be associated with comparative long survival window, which is not logically matching. Together with the previous reports as discussed in the discussion [Line 250-269] and SOX2 molecular actions, it cannot be supported that SOX2 is a favorable prognostic factor.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.