Reviewer’s report

Title: Integrated analysis of lncRNA-miRNA-mRNA ceRNA network in squamous cell carcinoma of tongue

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This is a study of the lncRNA-miRNA-mRNA ceRNA network in squamous cell carcinoma of the tongue.

MAJOR COMMENTS
In Materials and Methods it is said that 118 cases of tongue SCC were downloaded. It must be clarified if all these were oral tongue, or if also base of the tongue cases were included. As there are subsite based differences between tumour within the head and neck region it is important that the material used is homogeneous. The amount of clinical information included in Table 1 is also VERY limited.

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