Reviewer’s report

Title: TEX9 and eIF3b Functionally Synergize to Promote the Progression of Esophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma

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1. What is the clinical status of the 25 patients in the study? Was the biopsy taken before any treatment? of after neoadjuvant CCRT?

2. What is the version of TNM staging in the study?

3. Would it be possible to know the detailed T and N status of the 25 patients?

4. Since TEX9-eIF3b promote the proliferation and migration of cancer cells, is the activity of TEX9-eIF3b correlated with the N stage, or the number of metastatic lymph nodes?

5. Is there any correlation between AKT and TEX9-eIF3b in TCGA data set?

6. In TCGA data set, is a high TEX9-eIF3b predict a worse prognosis?

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