Reviewer's report

Title: Plectin as a prognostic marker in non-metastatic oral squamous cell carcinoma

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Major

1. The Authors' data on E-cadherin is very confusing to the reader. Due to the poor selection of the E-cadherin antibody in this study, which is located in the cytoplasmic region, a negative result is reported. This will confuse the literature further. An anti-E-cadherin antibody recognizing extracellular epitopes should strictly be used.

The authors should repeat the study with the appropriate anti-E-cadherin antibody

OR delete the data and all sections they report on E-cadherin, and restrict the publication to report plectin data.

2. The method of estimation of DSD should be provided in the statistics section

Minor

1. The first paragraph in the discussion should be deleted.

2. Under ABBREVIATIONS - DSD should be listed

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests