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Title: Descriptive study of 896 Oral squamous cell carcinomas from the only University based Oral Pathology Diagnostic Service in Sri - Lanka.

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It is a significant contribution to the Global epidemiological data base on OSCC. The text is generally well written. Only minor syntax and standardised naming of country of origin of this paper is needed such as:

Sri Lanka should be the correct spelling for the country's name used through the article; line 33-'Of 896 biopsies' should read as 'Of the 896 biopsies'; line 59- 'to betel chewing males' should read as 'betel chewing males'; line 74- "during a two years and nine month period" should read as "during a two year and nine month period"; line 87- "77% of Sinhalese patients, 19% of Tamil and 4% of Muslim patients." need amendment as Muslim is not a racial grouping but a religious group as it can comprise of any races who adopt muslim as their religion. Suggest correcting a/m phrase to "77% Sinhalese, 19% Tamil and 4% other ethnic group."; Under References, all the authors in papers quoted should be recognised and listed instead of using et al after first three authors(e.g. reference no.3 in line 247.there are several other reference lines no. 253, 258, 264,...etc..)