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Title: Diagnostic accuracy of touch imprint cytology for head and neck malignancies: A useful intra-operative tool in resource limited countries.

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Editor Comments:

Thorough English language editing is required.

Ans. English language editing is done by a native English speaker.

Reviewer reports:

Catarina Eloy (Reviewer 1): Dear Author,

The paper "Diagnostic accuracy of touch imprint cytology for head and neck malignancies: A useful intra-operative tool in resource limited countries." (REF CPAT-D-17-00033R1) carries valuable information but discloses serious problems of English language and format according to the journal requests.

Best regards
Ans. English language and formatting are both addressed in the revised version.

Ravi Mehrotra (Reviewer 2): The authors report their findings of an interesting study on imprint touch cytology in upper aerodigestive tract cancers. The article requires few corrections as detailed below:

1. The duration of study is conflicting between materials & methods section (9 months) and results (1 year 3 months). Authors may check and rectify.

Ans. The duration is 9 months. Rectification done.

2. At few places, the authors mention "my study". This is not a single author study. Kindly correct.

Ans. Corrected.

3. The tables and figures are too many and may be reduced. The figure depicting site of lesion may be changed to a component bar chart to include the type of tumor.

Ans. Bar chart added as per reviewers suggestion. Also figures are removed.

Changes are highlighted as per journals policy.

Thanks,

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