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Review of CLINICOPATHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ORAL SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA IN NORTHERN NORWAY. A retrospective study.

Recommend publication with minor changes

59 bucca should read buccal

94 what about anaplastic

Treatment outcome and cell differentiation of SCCa

142-145 how did you handle disagreement in terms of percentage assignments

158-159 make the merging clear as is gives impression all the four were put in one category which is not the case

165 in line with 169 indicates lead time bias how did you handle that in your analysis

182 should “see figure 1a-----”

188 moderately diff------

190 rather say moderately and poorly diff—than less diff----

204 revise grammar

What about site and HPV was there a relationship?

221 how did you determine high amounts of alcohol yet you reported that you couldn’t grade intake due lack of standardized reporting in clinical notes? Refer to 194

Ref 31 and 40 add date when they were accessed

Recommend these references. They may be worth looking at since they reported influence of tumor grade on prognosis


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