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| Journal Name: | Journal of Cancer and Tumor International |
| Manuscript Number: | Ms_JCTI_110209 |
| Title of the Manuscript: | SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA OF THE ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL REGION: A 12-YEAR ANALYSIS AT A TERTIARY HEALTHCARE FACILITY FROM NORTH-WESTERN NIGERIA |
| Type of the Article | Original Research Article |

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PART 1: Review Comments

| | Reviewer's comment | Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
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| <p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>Suggested title: Clinicopathological characteristics of squamous cell carcinoma in the oral and maxillofacial region of Northwestern Nigeria: a 12-year retrospective, single centre study.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Old references, update recent references. Reference count is good. All references have citations. .No use of self citing.</p> | |
| <p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p> | <p>Needs to be improved. Issues found in Language quality, vocabulary. Vocabulary covers issues like fluency, formality, and word choice.</p> | |
| <p>Optional/General comments</p> | <p>Materials and methods: While the use of chi-square is mentioned, a brief sentence explaining why this statistical test was chosen for associations would enhance the understanding for readers who may not be familiar with statistical methods. If applicable, it would be helpful to briefly mention how missing data, if any, were handled in the analysis.</p> <p>Table 3: What are the values within and outside the brackets? What do they represent? Is it number or %. For example : Each column of the respective data should have representation as n(%), like you have done for table 4.</p> <p>Discussion: Further Exploration of Risk Factors: While tobacco use and chemical exposure are discussed as potential risk factors, further exploration of other factors such as diet, oncologic viruses, and genetic predisposition could enhance the understanding of SCC in the specific region.</p> | |

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| | <p>Environmental Factors:</p> <p>The discussion mentions compromised immunity due to factors like insurgency and banditry, poverty, and illegal mining as possibilities. Further elaboration or references to support these assertions could strengthen the argument.</p> <p>Consistency in Terminology:</p> <p>Ensure consistent use of terminology. For example, the discussion mentions "male farmers" while the results section refers to "male gender presenting with SCC." Consistency enhances clarity.</p> <p>Addressing Treatment Non-Compliance:</p> <p>The discussion mentions 13.7% of cases not being treated due to financial constraints. A deeper exploration of potential strategies to address treatment non-compliance or alternative approaches in resource-limited settings could be valuable.</p> <p>Follow-Up Challenges:</p> <p>Provide insights or potential solutions to the challenges of follow-up, such as distance-related issues, to offer a more comprehensive discussion on the study's limitations.</p> <p>Discussion of Survival Rate:</p> <p>While the 1-year survival rate is mentioned, considering the limited follow-up, discussing the implications of this survival rate in the context of the study's objectives and healthcare setting could be beneficial.</p> | |
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| Are there ethical issues in this manuscript? | <i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i> | |

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