

Reply to reviewer's comments

1. Considering the high density of ACE2 receptors in the oral cavity (tongue, gingiva etc.), it would be advisable to list the clinical consequences of the viral infection at this level (symptoms, diagnosis) along with discussing its implications in oral squamous carcinoma patients. Not least, the manuscript would have added value if there was some data about impact of the pandemic in the management of oral cancer patients.

Reply: Based on the reviewer's comments, we have listed the clinical consequences of the viral infection, its implications in oral squamous carcinoma patients and the impact of the pandemic in the management of oral cancer patients. As per the recommendations, special emphasis has been given to the impact of the pandemic in the management of oral cancer, which is reflected in the last paragraph of the paper.

2. Please resolve all language issues in the manuscript based on the peer review report. Please be sure to have a native-English speaker edit the manuscript for grammar, sentence structure, word usage, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, format, and general readability, so that the manuscript's language will meet our direct publishing needs.

Reply: According to the reviewer's comments, all language issues in the manuscript have been resolved to meet the publishing needs.

3. ABBREVIATIONS

Reply: Abbreviations have been listed according to the abbreviation rules.

4. The language classification is Grade B. Please visit the following website for the professional English language editing companies we recommend: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/gerinfo/240>

Reply: Based on the reviewer's comments we have visited the mentioned website for language editing. We have also provided Language editing for manuscripts to be submitted by non-native speakers of English.

5. The format of the current manuscript did not meet the requirements for manuscript submission at all. Please carefully read 'Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation and Submission: Minireview'. Please revise throughout.

Reply: Based on the reviewer's comments we have carefully read 'Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation and Submission: Minireview' and we have revised the format of the manuscript according to the guidelines to meet the requirements for manuscript submission.

6. Authorship and Institution: Authorship and Institution are missing. Please revise.

Reply: According to the reviewer's comments we have added the authorship and institution details.

7. All authors must provide their personal ORCID registration number in the manuscript. Please revise.

Reply: We have provided the personal ORCID registration number of all the authors.

8. Abstract: An informative, unstructured abstract of no less than 200 words should accompany each manuscript. Please revise.

Reply: According to the reviewer's comments the abstract has been revised.

9. Core tip: Please write a summary of no more than 100 words to present the core content of your manuscript, highlighting the most innovative and important findings and/or arguments in the manuscript.

Reply: According to the reviewer's comments a summary of no more than 100 words has been added to present the core content of the manuscript.

10. DOI and PMID are required for each reference. Please provide the DOI and PubMed numbers to the reference list. Please revise the reference list throughout according to guideline.

Reply: DOI and PMID for each reference have been provided. The reference list has been revised according to the guidelines.