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Title of the Manuscript:	E-Cadherin as a Marker for Nodal Metastasis in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma
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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	The paper explores the association between the expression of E-cadherin, a calcium-dependent, epithelial cell adhesion molecule whose reduced expression has been associated with tumor dedifferentiation, and increased lymph node metastasis in subjects with head and neck squamous cell carcinomas. The identification of predictive biomarkers is critical and could help clinicians to improve treatments for patients. Overall, the manuscript is well written, with results properly and an adequate comparison with previous studies, thus it deserves to be published.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	I point out only some minor revisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the authors should consider to insert a summary table containing data on the main characteristics (age, gender, type of cancer, etc.) of the sample under investigation; - though the manuscript deals with HNSCCs and not specifically with laryngeal squamous-cell carcinoma, references of recent studies which evaluated the expression pattern of E-cadherin and its prognostic significance in patients with LSCC (e.g., Zhu et al. 2018 "Role of epithelial- mesenchymal transition markers E-cadherin, N-cadherin, β-catenin and ZEB2 in laryngeal squamous cell carcinoma"; Nardi et al. 2018 "The role of E-cadherin and β-catenin in laryngeal cancer.; Re et al. 2018 The prognostic significance of E-cadherin expression in laryngeal squamous-cell carcinoma: a systematic review), should be reported in discussion. I corrected typos in track change mode.	-summary table has been inserted The mentioned studies were included in the text.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		

PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details) Patients included in the study signed the informed consent	Yes, the part is also included in the text and highlighted.