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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I've carefully read the manuscript entitled "COVID-19 and oral cancer: Critical viewpoint", which describes the interesting mechanism behind SARS-CoV2-related accelerated carcinogenesis in oral cancer. The paper is of great interest in the setting of the current ongoing pandemic. 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.