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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. As your article is mainly focused on histopathology, you have to try to explain with more details in the legend the histopathological features and to add explanative arrows...
2. In the manuscript, you stated that your working group has evaluated the histopathological parameters of for example 10 cases.... You have to give clear details about the origin of these cases evaluated....



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The manuscript is clear and presented in a well structured manner. The topic is relevant. Squamous cell carcinoma is a frequent tumor, not only in the oral cavity. Immunotherapy has recently changed the approach in the head and neck area, so tools for biomarker assessment are needed. Specifically, the CPS (combined positive score) has a whole series of evaluation rules (in the infiltrating component, it must necrosis ..) which needs training and competence. Just minors: - please explain if other techniques (immunoistochemistry) can be relevant or not - discuss the differential diagnosis and issues in oral cavity (e.g. pseudoepiteliomatous hyperplasia, verrucous histotype (the issue of infiltration is crucial..) - discuss the role of immunotherapy and the needing of tools to implement reproducibility or make simple easy biomarker assesement (quote Prevalence of PD-L1 expression in head and neck squamous precancerous lesions: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Girolami I et al. Head Neck. 2020 Oct;42(10):3018-3030. doi: 10.1002/hed.26339, PD-L1 in oral squamous cell carcinoma: A key biomarker from the laboratory to the bedside. Nocini R et al. Clin Exp Dent Res. 2022 Jun;8(3):690-698. doi: 10.1002/cre2.590)