

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

<b>Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I consider the manuscript worthy of attention because it contains data that could be interesting if further implemented with additional information that would make the manuscript richer in data that can also be used by the international community in meta-analysis of the sector (therefore more visibility and citations) major comment • specify in the title the type of study (retrospective, prospective, etc.) • Provide the number or a code referring to the ethics committee approval • I would provide if there is more information on the patients (alcohol abuse, smoking) and pharmacological therapies in progress, I would also like to know if the patient survival data are available (Hazard RATIO) between the gradings (G1-2 and G3-4) of patients and possibly report them. • I would add a few elements in the introduction also referring to the etiopathogenesis of pharyngeal tumors and risk factors (for example: doi: 10.1155/2021/7312611) • add study limit

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1. The title can be modified to better indicate the type of study and the objective of the study. 2. The introduction can highlight the current existing literature on hypopharyngeal cancer, what is the lacunae existing in the literature and emphasize the aim and objectives of the study. 3. The discussion and conclusion should better indicate whether the objectives of the study are accurately answered and describe the clinical considerations of the study findings. A note on future implications of the study findings could be added. 4. The reasons for delayed diagnosis of hypopharyngeal cancer in the specific geographical area can be included with recommendations on improving the public health system for early diagnosis can be added

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The modifications done in the manuscript is satisfactory