

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Clinical Oncology

Manuscript NO: 45698

Title: The metastatic potential and prognostic significance of SOX2: A meta-analysis

Reviewer's code: 03439017

Reviewer's country: Italy

Science editor: Ying Dou

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Review time: 1 Hour

SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
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			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

the analysis is limited to sox gene, could be important to make a more deepened analysis that include also oct4 and nanog to have a result including all the principal stemness signature genes



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this review, Javaeed A & Ghauri SK have systematically performed a meta-analysis of correlation of SOX2 overexpression with cancer metastasis and patient survival in the literature. SOX2 is a stem cell factor and an oncogene in many types of cancers. They have concluded that higher expressing of SOX2 are associated with metastasis and



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poorer patient survival in subgroups of cancers. The manuscript is well-written and the topic is interesting in cancer field. One of my concern is this study does not include any blood cancers as SOX2 has been implicated in the pathogenesis of hematological malignancies too.

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