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Erratum: Changes in circulating microRNAs after radiochemotherapy in head and neck cancer patients

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Erratum

After the publication of this work [1], a few points were brought to our attention:

The clinical data of patient 2 are incorrect. A revised version of Table 1 [1] showing the corrected patient characteristics is presented here. Consequently, the description of the patient cohort in the Materials and Methods section is incorrect. The correct description is: *“Plasma miRNA analysis was performed on 18 HNSCC patients treated with local X-ray-irradiation using a linear accelerator [...]”*.

17 out of 18 patients received concurrent chemotherapy (13 patients received 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) plus mitomycin C (MMC) [21], 3 patients MMC and 1 patient cisplatin weekly)”.

There is a typing error in the Results section [1] concerning the p value of the up-regulation of *miR-425-5p*. The correct sentence is:

“The qRTPCR assays confirmed an up-regulation of miR-425-5p with a p value close to the significance level (p = 0.052) [...]”.

The corrections do not affect any results or conclusions of the published work.

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Table 1 Patient characteristics

| Characteristic | Number of patients |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Gender</i> | |
| Male | 14 |
| Female | 4 |
| <i>Median age, years</i> | 57.5 |
| <i>Age range, years</i> | 45.1–80.6 |
| <i>Tumor site</i> | |
| Larynx | 5 |
| Oropharynx | 3 |
| Mouth floor | 2 |
| Tongue | 2 |
| Hypopharynx | 1 |
| Maxilla | 1 |
| Nasopharynx | 1 |
| Sinuses | 1 |
| Soft palate | 2 |
| <i>T-Stage</i> | |
| I | 4 |
| II | 3 |
| III | 5 |
| IV | 6 |
| <i>N-Stage</i> | |
| N0 | 3 |
| N1 | 4 |
| N2 | 11 |
| <i>M-Stage</i> | |
| M0 | 17 |
| M1 | 1 |
| <i>Concomitant therapy (in addition to radiotherapy)</i> | |
| 5-FU + MMC | 13 (patient 2, 3, 5–7, 9–13, 15–17) |
| MMC | 3 (patient 1, 14, 18) |
| Cisplatin | 1 (patient 8) |
| Cetuximab | 1 (patient 4) |
| <i>Acute toxicity</i> | |
| Severe | 12 |
| Moderate | 5 |
| n.a. | 1 |

5-FU = 5-fluorouracil; MMC = mitomycin C; n.a. = not available.

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