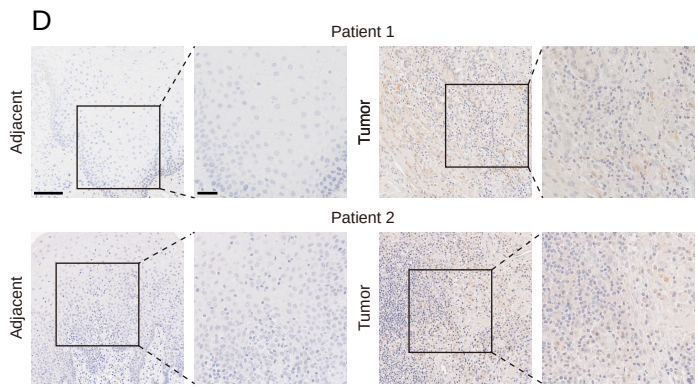
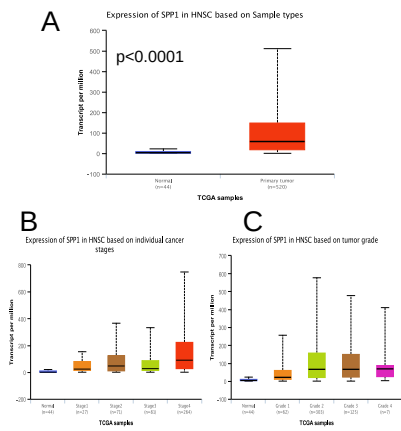




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Characteristics	No. of Patients			OPN expression ($2^{-\Delta C_t}$ Mean $\pm$ SD)	P value
	No.	%			
Age (years)					0.8547
≥ 60	49	66.22		3.477 $\pm$ 5.489	
<60	25	33.78		3.230 $\pm$ 5.438	
Gender					0.418
Male	47	63.51		3.785 $\pm$ 5.761	
Female	27	36.49		2.713 $\pm$ 4.846	
Smoking history					0.2823
Nonsmoker	55	74.32		3.796 $\pm$ 5.908	
Smoker	19	25.68		2.230 $\pm$ 3.632	
Alcohol history					0.9084
Nondrinker	57	77.03		3.354 $\pm$ 5.492	
Drinker	17	22.97		3.528 $\pm$ 5.404	
Tumor size (cm)					0.0403
≤ 4	12	16.22		0.4615 $\pm$ 0.8151	
>4	62	83.78		3.961 $\pm$ 5.764	
Lymph node metastasis					0.5513
pN1 to pN2	40	54.05		3.043 $\pm$ 4.757	
pN0	34	45.95		3.806 $\pm$ 6.188	
TNM stage					0.2296
I	8	10.81		0.087 $\pm$ 0.117	
II	23	31.08		4.650 $\pm$ 6.397	
III	16	21.62		2.937 $\pm$ 4.565	
IV	27	36.49		3.574 $\pm$ 5.601	
Pathological differentiation					0.5713
Well	10	13.51		4.307 $\pm$ 6.871	
Moderately/poorly	64	86.49		3.251 $\pm$ 5.228	
Disease Site					0.3153
Tongue	21	28.38		4.322 $\pm$ 6.231	
Gingiva	14	18.92		5.386 $\pm$ 7.340	
Cheek	19	25.68		1.660 $\pm$ 2.707	
Floor of Mouth	8	10.81		2.685 $\pm$ 4.157	
Oropharynx	12	16.22		2.664 $\pm$ 5.097	
Tumor type					0.3525
Primary	61	82.43		3.667 $\pm$ 5.652	
Recurrence	13	17.57		2.112 $\pm$ 4.224	
Prior Radiotherapy					0.7072
Yes	15	20.27		2.918 $\pm$ 4.631	
No	59	79.73		3.515 $\pm$ 5.651	