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Programmed cell death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) expression plays important roles in various types of cancer. However, the relationships of PD-L1 expression with clinicopathological findings have not been conclusively reported in patients with oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC). Accordingly, in this study, we performed a meta-analysis to investigate the clinicopathological value of PD-L1 expression in patients with OSCC. Our results included 16 studies evaluating 1989 participants. The results indicated that high PD-L1 expression was correlated with sex, N stage, M stage, poor differentiation, and human papilloma virus infection stage. There was no significant publication bias in the studies included in this analysis.

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