Reviewer’s report

Title: Association between HLA-DRB1 alleles polymorphism and hepatocellular carcinoma: A Meta-analysis

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Considering that HLA-DRB1 allele polymorphisms have been reported to be associated with hepatocellular carcinoma susceptibility with inconsistent results, in the present work the authors explored whether specific HLA-DRB1 alleles (DRB1*07, DRB1*12, DRB1*15) contribute to the susceptibility of hepatocellular carcinoma by performing meta-analysis with the previously published data. This is an interesting analysis with some limitations that are considered by the authors.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.