Reviewer's report

**Title:** Risk of esophagus cancer in diabetes mellitus: A population-based case-control study in Taiwan

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The authors edits have substantially improved and focused the manuscript. They have sufficiently answered my questions and concerns point-by-point. The study still suffers from not having the histological information on the esophageal cancers, but the authors have stated the limitation and implications more clearly. The methods and data are sound. The last section of the discussion on anti-diabetic drugs is still somewhat confusing and unclear. The small number of EC cases who were diabetic may represent adenocarinomas, since obesity is a strong risk factor for this subtype. Once again, the lack of histology information is a major concern for interpretation of their results. The title and abstract should accurately convey what was found, however, "Esophagus cancer" should be changed to "Esophageal cancer". The manuscript would benefit from further editing before consideration for publication.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.