Reviewer's report

Title: Alcohol consumption is associated with an increased risk of erosive esophagitis and Barrett's epithelium in Japanese men

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Reviewer: Piers Gatenby

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Thank-you for making the amendments, which have been undertaken diligently and the manuscript has been considerably strengthened.

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   Yes
3. Are the data sound?
   Yes
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   Yes
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
   Yes
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
   Not applicable
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   Yes
9. Is the writing acceptable?
   Yes


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