Reviewer’s report

Title: Genetic risk factors for intestinal metaplasia in a high risk Singapore-Chinese population: a cohort study

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I understand the responses except the below two points.

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. The authors responded that the p-value of HWE was >0.05, but it is 0.015 for IL10 -819T/C (186, 124, and 38), and <0.001 for NQO1 609C/T, based on the figures in Table 3. Both showed a significant finding. Are the authors sure that the genotyping was correct?
2. As the authors stated "there is a high probability that IM+ subjects had HP infection at some stage", the analysis for the infected (IM+ or HP+) is also requested.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.