Reviewer's report

**Title:** Endothelial nitric oxide synthase gene polymorphisms and risk of diabetic nephropathy: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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**Reviewer:** Tomomi FUJISAWA

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In accordance with what I pointed out, the manuscript has been revised in a more balanced manner than before.

The followings are recommended;

#3. The comparison of ORs between the previous meta-analysis and the present one would be informative, as suggested, for distinguishing the risk for developing nephropathy among diabetic population with the risk for diabetic nephropathy in general population (combining the risk for diabetes and that for nephropathy). Therefore, the authors are requested to compare ORs, rather than to describe on the mode of inheritance, of this locus.

#4. Since “publication bias was observed” from the funnel plots, the authors may need to discuss on putative impacts of the “bias” on the true effect. It is reasonably suggested to add several comments, such as “the true effect, if any, could be smaller than that observed in the present analysis.”

**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