Reviewer's report

Title: Statins and risk of gastric cancer in diabetes patients

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Major Compulsory Revisions
The numbers here correspond to those itemized in the initial comments.

1. The authors did not respond to the major comment #1. Since all gastric cancer patients were diagnosed at the author’s institution, the authors could analyze the frequency of routine examination to detect gastric cancer.

2 and 3 and 5. The authors should perform uni- and multivariate analyses again using the patients who have a full data set of all background factors. Indeed, Helicobacter pylori status was known among over 80% of patients. I mean ALL confounding factors potentially related to gastric cancer or gastric cancer aggressiveness presented in Table 4, such as smoking, histology, etc., and the results should be presented irrespective of positive or negative p-value. The results of these analyses should be stated at least in the text.

4. MEAN or MEDIAN length between date of registry and date of gastric cancer diagnosis should be presented.

6. The authors did not respond to the major point #6.

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

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