Reviewer's report

Title: Malignant transformation of oral potentially malignant disorders: a retrospective cohort study

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Reviewer: Jesper Reibel

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Thank you for your response to my previous review. I think my comments have been met and have only a few suggestions for minor essential revisions:

1. I suggest to use a more golden standard reference for "erythroplakia" (reference #7)

2. Oral potential malignant disorders (OPMDs) are used in many parts of the manuscript, however, the terminology "precancer", "oral precancer", "precancerous lesion", "premalignant lesions", and "premalignancy" are used in several places. I suggest the terminology is made uniform and that OPMD is used throughout the manuscript. Also "leukoplakia with dysplasia" and "leukoplakia without dysplasia" is still used in several places although it is stated in the authors' response to one of the reviewers that this has been changed.

3. I suggest to use only one decimal in figures given on page 8.

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: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests