Reviewer’s report

Title: The incidence and risk of developing a second primary esophageal cancer in patients with oral and pharyngeal carcinoma: a population-based study in Taiwan over a 25 year period

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Major compulsory revisions
None.

Minor essential revisions
1. Age range usually refers to minimum and maximum ages in the population. It seems unlikely that there were no cases diagnosed before 52 nor after 59, as only cases diagnosed before 20 were excluded from the analyses. Please clarify. [point 3 of previous report]
2. Low survival reduces the opportunity to develop a second primary, although does not underestimate the incidence. Please modify this part of the discussion. [point 5 of previous report]

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.