Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Screening for oral potentially malignant disorders among areca (betel) nut chewers in Guam and Saipan

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Major comments: The overall purpose of the paper is reasonable - to conduct a screening of oral potentially malignant disorders in betel nut chewers, measure the betel nut, chewing practices of those chewers, and assess the prevalence of oral human papillomavirus (HPV) infection in a subset of betel nut chewers. The participant selection in this study was by convenience sampling. Moreover, the study is limited to comparing demographic and chewing characteristics of Class I and II chewers. Further, the paper’s contribution to the field is small. The authors could conduct further analysis according to the study design to contribute more to the field.

Minor comments:
In Table 1 and 2 authors mention p values “0.00”. this could be written as <0.001.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**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.