Reviewer's report

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The revised manuscript is much more balanced in my view and is suitable for publication. I have only a few minor remarks:

• Table 6: specify reference year for GNI

• Page 11, reference to HPV-immunization interventions: the statement "...when given in early adolescence or adulthood" needs the specification that the vaccine is highly effective in uninfected or infection-naïve girls and women, e.g. "...when given in uninfected adolescents or adult women"

• Page 11: “radication of Helicobacter pylori infection results in the healing of gastritis and reversal of mucosal damage and has the potential to prevent stomach cancer [32]”, I suggest to add ‘early’ before ‘mucosal damage’. In fact H pylori eradication when atrophy and intestinal metaplasia have developed does not affect the risk of developing cancer.

• Page 19-20, Section on palliative care: the section is unfinished ending abruptly, needs completion/editing.

I would also suggest to mention the WHO Cancer Pain Relief Guidelines: The Three-Step Analgesic Ladder

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