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Title: Genetic Polymorphisms of NAMPT Related with Susceptibility to Esophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma

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Reviewer's report
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Reviewer: Enrica Rumiato

Reviewer's report:
Now, although some spelling and typographical errors still have to be corrected, I think that the manuscript is acceptable for publication in BMC Gastroenterology.

Reviewer’s minor corrections:
In general, check and add missing spaces in the text and in the Tables (i.e. missing spaces in the Results section of the Abstract).
Then, Page 2, lane 60, put the word “over” before “the world” in the first paragraph of Background.
Page 4, in the section Genotyping correct “Hotstar” with “Hotstart” (lane 126).
Page 8, as suggestion, in the last paragraph I would put only “one novel diagnostic indicator”, since the only important SNP seems to be the rs61330082 (line 241).
Page 9, add an interline space between the first and second references.

Response to Pro. Enrica Rumiato:
Thank you for your careful and patient review of our paper.

We have asked a native English speaking colleague to correct this paper again for spelling and spacing errors. Your comments regarding pages 2, 4 and 9 were also addressed in the current manuscript.

Regarding your suggestion of “one or more novel diagnostic indicators”, we believe that the rs61330082 SNP as well as haplotypes CTC, CTT and CAC were risk factors for ESCC, so we did not change this section. We hope you can accept this conclusion.

Thank you again for your efforts and assistance.

Best wishes,
Yours, sincerely
Ziping Chen
Editorial request:

1.) Requesting for ethic statement:
-Research involving human subjects (including human material or human data) that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/index.html). A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

2.) Please move tables to the end of the manuscript.

3.) Please include 'Conclusions' section.

4.) Please move funding info to acknowledgements and remove funding section.

5.) Requesting for List and description of additional files according to IforA.

Response to editors:
Thank you for your suggestions about the article format.

We have added the statement of the approval from the ethic committee of our hospital in the Methods section. The tables were moved to the end, 'Funding' was moved into 'acknowledgement', and 'Conclusions' section was added. According to the introduction, we adjusted the name, list and description of additional files.

We feel grateful for your help again and again. Best wishes for you.
Yours, sincerely
Ziping Chen