Reviewer’s report

Title: Association study of two inflammation related polymorphisms with susceptibility to hepatocellular carcinoma: a meta-analysis

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The authors revised the manuscript according to the raised comments. However, some problems still exist and need to be addressed.

First, badly structured sentences with obvious grammatical errors could be found everywhere throughout the entire manuscript. Some sentences in the discussion section made me confused. Therefore, the authors are recommended to have it edited by a native speaker.

Second, in the discussion section, it is important for the authors to compare the present meta-analysis with the following published similar meta-analyses.


However, the comparison has not been well-addressed in the revised paper. The authors should emphasize the novel points raised by the present study relative to the published ones. In the meantime, the limitations of the published meta-analyses could be also stated to show the significances of the present one.

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: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests