Reviewer’s report

Title: Association between KIF1B rs17401966 genetic polymorphism and hepatocellular carcinoma susceptibility: an updated meta-analysis

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The authors of the present manuscript have addressed most of the comments raised in the initial revision. However, there is still one comment that should be addressed:

1.2 Knowing the number of HBV-positive patients from each study included in the meta-analysis would help to rule out that the two stratified analysis are redundant. This could also help to discard that HBV-patients included in the meta-analysis are taken from only one or a very few studies (in such a case, the concept meta-analysis would be strongly compromised). This data was not present in the original manuscript and remains still hidden in the revised manuscript. It should be shown in Table 1.

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