Reviewer's report

Title: The association between HPV 16 and esophageal cancer in Chinese population: a meta-analysis

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This is a well written paper and the methods and results are very clearly presented. In the paper, the authors investigate the association between HPV 16 infection and esophageal cancer in China, providing valuable information on this unclear association in Chinese population.

The discussion of this paper is accurately explained. It provides interesting insights for the general reader and is very strong. It is particularly useful they have highlighted the implications for the prevention and treatment of esophageal cancer in future. However, one suggestion is that the authors should give more references or details on the prognostic value of the HPV 16 status in patients with esophageal, which will be more interesting for the wider reader.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.