Reviewer's report

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

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This manuscript provides important population based data on the association of HPV and esophageal cancer.

I would suggest minor essential revisions to this manuscript as listed:

1. Several errors in English grammar require correction throughout the manuscript.

2. The statement in line 271 should be changed from "no heterogeneity, no evidence of publication bias..." to minimal or minor heterogeneity and publication bias.

3. Please clarify the third limitation starting on line 289. What are the reasons this was not investigated?

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 below.