Reviewer's report

Title: The association between dietary isoflavones intake and gastric cancer risk: a meta-analysis of epidemiological studies

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Reviewer: Ozen Asut

Reviewer's report:
I have reviewed the manuscript titled "The Association between Dietary Isoflavones Intake and Gastric Cancer Risk: A Meta-analysis of Epidemiological Studies".

A Meta-analysis of Epidemiological Studies".
I thank the authors for the extensive analysis on an important issue of public health. However, the manuscript needs major revisions before publication.
In general, major revisions of the English language are needed regarding wording, grammar, sentence construction.
Gastric adeno-carcinoma, gastric cardia adeno-carcinoma or other distinguishing terms should be used instead of gastric cancer.
Discussion section: The information on methodology in this section should be moved to the relevant section. Repetitions should be excluded from the discussion text.
Conclusion: The last sentence may be revised as "No significant association between isoflavones and gastric cancer risk was found in this meta-analysis, suggesting higher dietary isoflavone intake is not associated with a decline in the risk of gastric cancer."
Regarding the advantages of the study, the following statement is not justified in view of the other meta-analyses on the subject, some of which are included among the references of the manuscript:
"Firstly, the comprehensive meta-analysis is the first one to estimate the potential association between dietary isoflavones intake and the risk of gastric cancer."
Recommendation: The manuscript should be re-evaluated after revisions.
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