Reviewer's report

**Title:** The association between objective tongue color and endoscopic findings: Results from the Kyushu and Okinawa Population Study (KOPS)

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**Reviewer:** Jia-Xu Chen

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Minor revision is needed.

Some amendment is needed before publication. There are some issues to be addressed:

1. It is highly recommended that the Introduction part should be improved.
2. The sample size calculation should be added.
3. A photograph about how to use TIAS should be added.
4. Three line tables should be used in Table 1, 2 and 3.
5. The logic of the Conclusion part should be improved.
6. The language also needs to be polished before publication.

**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'