



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

WITH RESPONSES TO REVIEWERS

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

Manuscript NO: 48345

Title: Systematic review of esophageal cancer in Africa: epidemiology, risk factors, management and outcomes.

Reviewer's code: 03317348

Reviewer's country: Japan

Science editor: Jia-Ping Yan

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Review time: 5 Days and 9 Hours

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for the opportunity of review of this paper. I think that this paper is interesting and the results of this study is one of the important clinical analysis. In order



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to better this manuscript, I have the following comments. 1. Table 2 is too large for the readers, therefore, can you organize the contents of Table 2 a little more compactly?

RESPONSE: Dear Reviewer:

Thank you for your suggestion. We have re-organized the contents of table 2 and it is now more compact.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors analyzed about the incidence and the risk factors of esophageal cancer in Africa. Major comments. 1. What is the big difference between the risk factors of esophageal cancer in Africa and other continent? 2. Is there any way to prevent from being



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esophageal cancer or Is there any way to find it in early stage? Minor comments 1. Too much data. It is very difficult to read. It might be more attractive if you limit the data that is most important.

Response:

Dear Reviewer, thank you for your comments.

1. What is the big difference between the risk factors of esophageal cancer in Africa and other continent?

Response: The risk factors for esophageal cancer in Africa seem to be multifactorial with most common being environmental. Smoking, alcohol and diet also play a role.

2. Is there any way to prevent from being esophageal cancer or Is there any way to find it in early stage?

Response: There are currently no screening protocols for early detection of esophageal cancer in Africa. Endoscopy has been used as screening/surveillance in countries for esophageal adenocarcinoma with known risk factors such as Barrett's esophagus. Endoscopy as a screening has been applied in some countries, such as China, for cases of squamous cell dysplasia, a precursor of esophageal squamous cell carcinoma. There is currently insufficient data to support the role of endoscopy as an esophageal cancer screening in Africa. More studies are needed to explore use of endoscopy for screening for esophageal squamous cell precursor lesions and further studies to assess risk factors for prevention. Increasing awareness amongst both patients and physicians could play a role in early diagnosis.

3. 1. Too much data. It is very difficult to read. It might be more attractive if you limit the data that is most important.

Response: We appreciate you comment of too much data. We have rearranged to



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make this easier to follow and more attractive

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Minor revision is needed.

Response: Thank you

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