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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Excellent work.

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First of all, thank you for inviting me to review a manuscript entitled "Prevalence of Precancerous Lesions and Conditions in India: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis".

**Comments Title;** The authors conducted a study on the "Prevalence of Precancerous Lesions and Conditions in India: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis." However, a title is not self-explanatory. Which precancerous lesion? Please specify it.

**Abstract:**

**Introduction:** Please write about precancerous lesions, and then state the problem and reason for conducting this study.

**Conclusion:** Write a feasible, doable recommendation.

**Methods Quality assessment** The authors should list the domains of quality assessment tools. Moreover, they should state the source for these domains.

**Literature search** Fig. 1: The authors excluded 30 studies after review of abstracts and 3 studies after review of full texts. Please write the reason for the exclusion.

**Data analysis** How did the authors estimate the statistical heterogeneity among the studies? And how did they declare the level of statistical significance? Did the authors check the publication bias?

**Results** The authors have reported the pooled prevalence of precancerous lesions in the age group from childhood up to adulthood. Why? Did the author think of the variation in prevalence between the childhood and adulthood periods? What was the author's recommendation? "Heterogeneity was high." How much? The authors failed to provide the characteristics of the included studies, such as study tools, population, sample size, and sampling procedures.

**Discussion:** The authors should compare and contrast the pooled prevalence of precancerous lesions with studies from different regions and countries and formulate a solution and possible doable recommendation.