

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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| Scientific quality                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good<br><input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish |
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| <b>Language quality</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection |
| <b>Conclusion</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejection          |
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| <b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>                                     | Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous  |
|   | Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   |

#### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Lots of shortcomings...cannot be accepted in current form

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This study entitled “Prevalence and Clinical Risk Factors for Esophageal Candidiasis in Non-HIV Patients: A Multicenter Retrospective Case-Control Study” seems to have been generally well executed and written. Furthermore, I believe that this paper will be of great interest to the readers. I have no remarks, and in my opinion, this paper deserves to be published in the current form.

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In this study, the authors highlighted the prevalence of EC in non-HIV patients. The result of study is important as it described the high prevalence of EC in non-HIV patients which is still under-diagnosed as compared to HIV patients. 1. What was the reason for unusual high prevalence of EC in non-HIV patients, which is high compare to previous literature? 2. In 1969 patients, endoscopic biopsy was performed. 295 patients had the diagnosis of EC. There were 118 patients with the diagnosis of EC who were excluded due to a lack of pathology results confirming the diagnosis of EC or insufficient data for review How these 295 patients diagnosed as EC if lack of pathology results. What were the indications for performing endoscopy and further biopsy in these patients? 3. How the controls were selected? 4. 3.6% patients were asymptomatic. What was the reason for performing endoscopy in these patients? How the authors excluded contaminants/non-significant isolates 5. Conclusion should be precise and carries relevant message. It should be revised.