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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The Authors covered all the aspects of esophageal cancer from epidemiology and risk factors to early diagnosis/screening and therapy giving particular attention to the differences between Europe, US and Asian countries. The Editorial is very well written and exhaustive and therefore is recommendend for publication.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This article provides a European perspective of different key issues related with esophageal cancer being especially concerned with current prevention strategies. This is a timely review of the basic science literature and the current knowledge that is pointing us towards an understanding of epidemiology, the natural history, and the risk factors of the esophageal cancer. The authors are thorough in covering nearly all of the published literature, and provide an appropriate level of rigor in their analyses of the results. Overall, I think this is a well written comprehensive editorial on a very timely topic. Minor point: The quality of Figure 1 is low. In sentences of 'the province of Lixian, China', 'Henan, Hebei, Lixian and Shanxi', and 'Chinese region of Linxian', the 'Lixian' and 'Linxian' should be "Linxia".



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Overall, the authors have written a comprehensive review on Esophageal cancers with major focus on screening, early detection and also discusses important geographical factors. In these areas, it will prove to be a useful review and perhaps the title could be more focused towards these strengths. A general review, it is lacking depth in the genetic and molecular aspects of the malignancy - areas which are vitally important to our understanding, diagnosis and treatment of all cancers. In particular, there is no discussion on how the subtypes are defined molecularly or genetically and how this may impact on the clinical management or prognosis. For example, the "Genetics" section on pg 5 is currently limited to only familial cancers - information on the genetic mutations in sporadic cancers should also be discussed. Nevertheless, if the title of the review was modified to better reflect the nature of the current review (screening, early detection and geographical aspects) - then there is no need to strengthen the genetic or molecular parts. Other minor corrections: pg 2: Please indicate in the text where you are referring to age-standardized rates. pg 2: The following sentence is too long and details - please revise: "The trend towards dominance of adenocarcinoma subtype is not limited only to North America, since in European countries like the UK, France or Norway the



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age-adjusted incidence increased by 39.6% for men and 37.5% for women in the last five years (1), which are higher rated than those observed in Australia, with an annual increase in the incidence of adenocarcinoma around 4.2%." pg 3: Figure 1 - there is no label describing the left and right sides of the graph. Is it Males and Females? pg 5: please write the correct gene names for the predisposition genes.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. Since this is a review article, the authors are expected to collect as many as possible original (but not other review articles) clinical/experimental researches in a comprehensive way to support or to overturn a concept or findings, unfortunately, which is not adequately achieved in this manuscript. In addition, as stated in the title, the content of this paper is meant to be "a European perspective" and is expected to be more focusing on the European experiences instead of more in general. Also, there have been good reviews published in this respect (Napier KJ et al., Esophageal cancer: A Review of epidemiology, pathogenesis, staging workup and treatment modalities. World J Gastrointest Oncol. 6:112-20, 2014) (Layke JC and Lopez PP. Esophageal cancer: a review and update. Am Fam Physician. 73:2187-94, 2006). 2. There are spelling errors and many terms are used inconsistently, to name a few, e.g., dysplasia vs dysplasia; "Asian Belt Cancer Esophagus" vs "Esophageal Cancer Belt" (Shouldn't it be "Asian Esophageal Cancer Belt"?). Is "Lixian, China" meant to be "the Ningxia Province of China"? 3. Page 7, line 7: "an OR of 2,7 (IC 95%, 1,64-4,45)" should be changed to "an OR of 2.7 (IC 95%, 1.64-4.45)". 4. Page 8, line 11: The authors should explain what "(rg = 1.0; SE = 0.37)" means? 5. Page 15: Table 2 "Modified TNM cancer esophagus". The table



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is not complete. It includes only "T" but no information on "NM". In addition, "cancer esophagus" should be changed to "esophageal cancer"



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It's an overly exhaustive article about some aspects of esophageal cancer: epidemiology, risk factors and screening, and sometimes difficult to read. - The title is inadequate to the text - The abstract should not be numbered; so the numeration should start with the subtitle "Epidemiology of Esophageal Cancer" - You use the term US and USA - Pg. 2: you used the term "Asian Belt Cancer Esophagus" in line 8; line 23: "Esophageal Cancer Belt" - Pg. 8, line 8: missing a parenthesis - Pg. 9 you refer: "Barret's esophagus is the preneoplastic lesion preceding adenocarcinoma in most of the cases."; Pg. 10, line 3: "However, 80-90% of cases of esophageal adenocarcinoma are diagnosed without known Barrett's esophagus." Explain these phrases. - Pg. 11, line 1 correct the age - Why make a subdivision for endoscopy for squamous cancer and not for adenocarcinoma - Why only refer treatment of early esophageal cancer - There is no discussion - Pg.17 line 32 you used the term DSE, when you previously always use the term ESD.