Reviewer’s report

Title: Multi-susceptibility genes associated with the risk of the development stages of esophageal squamous cell cancer in Feicheng County

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The paper is acceptable for publication, but, the authors should recalculate the sample size considering the disease prevalence, the observed minor allele frequency, a moderate genetic risk effect (OR=1.2-1.3), P-value=0.05 and 1-b=0.80. Then, the posterior power may be calculated.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'