Reviewer’s report

Title: Association of an NF-kappaB1 intron SNP (rs4648068) with gastric cancer patients in Chinese Han population

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Reviewer: Jyotsna Batra

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The current study has been conducted on a very small no of samples, so doesn’t have adequate power to reach to a conclusion, thus is unacceptable unless is replicated in another cohort. please see my response to the editorial Q's below;

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? No, small sample size and inadequate power.
3. Are the data sound? NO, lack of power.
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? partly
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes, but the conclusion is not imperative due to lack of the power
9. Is the writing acceptable? Yes