Reviewer’s report

Title: Association of SARS susceptibility with single nucleic acid polymorphisms of OAS1 and MxA genes: A Case-Control Study

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The authors need to explain why they choose OAS and Mx SNPs as markers

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

- p.3: Abstract/Methods: 2nd sentence should not start with a number. Use "A collective of.." instead
- p.3: Abstract/Results, last line: explain ORs and CI, since many people will only read the abstract
- p.6, paragraph 2, line 6: "body secretions", not "bodily secretions"
- do not use "X" for -fold. There is a special character for that which resembles an X
- also there is often a square instead of the "°" when temperatures are given
- p.8, line 5: "twice" should read "two"

p.9, last two lines: "SNPs of OAS and MxA gene" should read "SNPs of the OAS and MxA genes"

p.10, Discussion, line 2 "strains" should read "strain"

p.11, line 8: "the G allele": "the" with upper case T
line 11: put "the" before "G allele"

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests