Reviewer's report

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The response and revisions to the manuscript have addressed the concerns in my review satisfactorily. The section titled Genetic Association analysis is much improved to allow the reader to follow the rationale for the specific associations that were and were not tested and addresses the multiple testing issue. The presentation in the Discussion section on the study’s limitation for studying FGB is very informative.

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.