Reviewer’s report

Title: Allelic variants of IL1R1 gene associate with severe hand osteoarthritis

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The study is a good one but not so powerful. The best way to resolve the problem is to amplify the case number.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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'