Reviewer’s report

**Title:** The first report of RPSA polymorphisms, also called 37/67 kDa LRP/LR gene, in sporadic Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD)

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Major Compulsory Revisions: None

Minor Essential Revisions: In the Methods section (page 6, Subjects, 1st paragraph) the Authors should add some statistics to prove that sporadic CJD patients and controls share same distribution in gender and age at onset. Moreover, the Authors should also clarify what 'age at onset' means for controls. In the following paragraph, the Authors should correct the definition for probable CJD cases (for example, duration of less than 2 years is not required unless the classification of probable CJD is made by upgrading the classification of possible CJD with a positive 14-3-3- test). A better and more updated reference should be provided.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests