Reviewer's report

Title: The frequent BRCA1 mutation 1135insA has multiple origins: a haplotype study in diverse ethnic groups

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Reviewer: Bohdan Gorski

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Authors presented interesting data with a high degree of practical value.

Minor comments:

1. Results and Discussion Page 6 row 6 “Recombination events...” BRCA1 gene lying within a zone of complete recombination suppression. (Xudong Liu et al. Am. J. Hum. Genet. 64:1427-1439,1999. Authors findings are in concordance with previously works and should be properly discussed.

2. What is a frequency of observed common (Norwegian) 1135insA haplotype among Norwegian population. Is it frequent or rare haplotype?

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests