Reviewer's report

Title: Haplotype analysis suggest common founders in carriers of the recurrent BRCA2 mutation, 3398delAAAAG, in French Canadian hereditary breast and/ovarian cancer families

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General
The revised manuscript has been revised according to most of the previous remarks. The authors have provided additional responses, especially about the contribution of the mutation to the BRCA families in Quebec, and the OCCR region. Other points such as the problem of controls have been answered. I consider that this manuscript can be accepted with some minor typographic corrections/modifications:

Table 1, Column 4: Hod:Lym should be typed Hod/Lym as in explanations
Table 1, raw for family 1429, column 3: abreviation (MG) is incomplete (probably (MGM) ?), or not explained
Table 2, several mistakes in the explanations:
- The 3398delAAAAG associated (?) are in boldface....
- Phased (?) was establihed ... were available were analysis (?)
Table 3
Authors should indicate the significance of NC and C (probably Not Carrier and Carrier)

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

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

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

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