Reviewer’s report

Title: Genetic variation at chromosome 8q24 and risk of colon cancer: Association study and Meta-analysis

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The study “Genetic variation at chromosome 8q24 and risk of colon cancer: Association study and Meta-analysis” by Hutter et al shows a modest association between 8q24 SNP rs6983267 and risk of colon cancer. The study is well designed, agrees with published literature, but does not add new data. Though the authors did a meta-analysis, none of the plots are shown in the results. As a review article, this manuscript needs more graphs to summarize their data as it pertains to published literature.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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 interest