Reviewer's report

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

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No major compulsory revisions necessary.

Discretionary revisions

The authors have restricted their analysis to Caucasian subjects, citing potential issues of population stratification. Although this might potentially influence the results, it would be worthwhile to give the data for other ethnicities, provided these data are available. (in this context, it should say "..who self-reported as white" (page six, end of first par.)

Given the interesting findings and large study cohorts, the title fails to reflect the importance of this study and should be modified accordingly.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 interests