Reviewer's report

Title: Distinct distribution and prognostic significance of molecular subtypes of breast cancer in Chinese women: a population-based cohort study

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1) General comments
Molecular subtypes of breast cancer are a noteworthy subject, and the study in Asian population is still rare. The text is well structured and easy to be understood. Therefore, this article is valuable to be published in our journal.

2) Specific comments of revision
a) Major
None.

b) Minor
1. In Table1, variables, ¥ should be changed to CN¥ or RMB¥ or CNY avoiding to be confused to JP¥.
2. The abbreviation BC (breast cancer?) in Table2 should be added in the list of abbreviations.
3. The number of cited references is too many for this type of paper. Please cite the important literatures only.

c) Discretionary
A table summarized the distribution of molecular subtypes of breast cancer in different ethnic groups should be added. It would help easy understanding of the differences between Asian, European and African-American populations.

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 interests.