Reviewer's report

Title: ICOS gene polymorphisms are associated with sporadic breast cancer: a case-control study

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Authors tested genotype and allele frequencies of ICOS SNPs in breast cancer patients and a control population. The question posed by the authors is well defined and the methods appropriate and well described.

The data are sound and have been confirmed on a validation cohort, which is essential in SNP studies.

Discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.