Reviewer’s report

Title: High incidence of microsatellite instability and loss of heterozygosity in three loci in breast cancer patients receiving chemotherapy: a prospective study

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Reviewer: Katarina Bartuma

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Dear editor,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to rereview the manuscript entitled “High incidence of microsatellite instability and loss of heterozygosity in three loci in breast cancer patients receiving chemotherapy: a prospective study”. I find that the changed manuscript may be accepted for publication if the following alterations are included:

Minor essential revisions:
Throughout the manuscript, the authors are referring to microsatellite instability in different ways. My suggestion is that once the abbreviations have been introduced in the introduction (no abbreviations should be used in the abstract), the authors should use the following, internationally recognized abbreviations: MSI-H, MSI-L and MSS. It is also in the interest of the authors to check the spelling and spacing of the manuscript again as some misspellings and small mistakes can still be found, eg. the author names, Bacher et al. and Fonseca et al., which are not written correctly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Kind regards,

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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