Reviewer's report

Title: Pri-miR-218 variants and risk of cervical carcinoma in Chinese women

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The manuscript presented by Shi et al entitled "Pri-miR-218 variants and risk of cervical carcinoma in Chinese women" present interesting results that merit the attention of researchers in the field. A large sample is evaluated and authors also present an interesting perspective regarding their results. The manuscript and results are original and innovative.

We think authors may improve the Discussion section with the comments on the limitations of the study.

Other comments

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   OK

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   OK

3. Are the data sound?
   Interesting data

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   OK

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   OK

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
   May be improved

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
OK

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
OK

9. Is the writing acceptable?
OK

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

no