Reviewer's report

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The authors have addressed most of the comments raised by the reviewers and revised their manuscript accordingly. A few additional comments are outlined below.

Discretionary Revisions
The results could be streamlined a bit better. Instead of listing every significant result, the authors could focus on one genetic model that fits their data well and then just refer the reader to the tables for the other genetic models.

The authors added the case-control counts to the tables. It would be helpful if the case-control counts were given for each genotype in these tables.

Minor Essential Revisions
There are some grammatical errors in the manuscript (e.g., wrong verb tense, etc…). The manuscript would benefit from a close read by a native English speaker.

There are also some typos, such as on page 9 under quantitative data synthesis, the authors provide results for CT+TT vs. CC and TT+CT vs. CC, but these are the same model. I suspect that they meant to write TT vs. CT+CC.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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