Reviewer's report

Title: Increased Risk of Cancer among Relatives of Patients with Lung Cancer in China

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General
This is very interesting research and a nicely designed study. The results are a worthwhile contribution to the field, particularly since the authors have carefully adjusted their analyses for a large number of known environmental risk factors.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The authors should update their references in the discussion to include the recent linkage evidence for a major lung cancer susceptibility gene on chromosome 6.

There are many grammatical errors and typographical errors which must be fixed prior to publication. For example
p4 "The proband's spouse who had not lung cancer and must be a farmer was selected to control group" should be "Spouses of probands were included in the control group if these spouses were themselves unaffected with lung cancer and were farmers"
p5 Logistic regress analysis should be Logistic regression analysis
P5 coefficients should be coefficients
There are MANY more such errors.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Which journal?: Not appropriate for BMC Medicine: an article whose findings are important to those with closely related interests and more suited to BMC Cancer

What next?: Offer publication in BMC Cancer after minor essential revisions

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

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.