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All the formatting changes have been made as requested.

In addition, "The identification of BRCA2 as a member of the Fanconi anaemia group of genes has raised the possibility that variation in other Fanconi anaemia genes may predispose to breast or ovarian cancer. " now reads "The identification of BRCA2 as a member (FANCD1) of the Fanconi anaemia group of genes has raised the possibility that variation in other Fanconi anaemia genes may predispose to breast or ovarian cancer. "

"Interestingly, the sequence immediately downstream of the 13 base pair sequence, GGCCtCGACctgA shows considerable homology to the 13 base pair sequence." now reads
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"The frequency of the duplication allele (allele 2) in the breast cancer patients was not significantly different from the controls (0.34 versus 0.32, p=0.53)." now reads
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