Reviewer's report

Title: Effects of polymorphisms in ERCC1, ASE-1 and RAI on the risk of colorectal carcinomas and adenomas: a case control study

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General

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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)
1. Since the mean age of the controls was significantly younger than the cases, the limitations of the present study should be discussed.
2. As mentioned in the discussion, the high-risk haplotype has been associated with increased risk for basal cell carcinoma, lung cancer and breast cancer in young or middle-aged individuals. Did authors ever try to look at this age effect in the present study?

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.