Dear BioMed Central Editorial Production Team,

Thank you for the positive news on our manuscript (MS: 1710557626100339) and the instructions for the formatting changes requested. We have now made the requested changes as follows:

- The bold text on pages 7-10, 12, 14, 16 has been changed to non-bold text.
- Tables 1 and 2 have each been divided into two and aligned one part below the other to make these fit an A4 portrait page.
- Table 3 has also been modified with narrower columns fitting A4 portrait, the titles/explanations for the data in the columns is now provided separately below the table.
- Shading has been omitted in Table 3.

In addition, the address information for Drs. Hege Edvardsen and Anne-Lise Børresen-Dale has changed to include another institute which has been added, and numbering of other institutes modified accordingly:

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Finally, the last sentence of the abstract

Our results also suggest that the 5557G>A or ivs38-8T>C variant, or any haplotype containing these in the Finnish population, is not associated with increased breast cancer risk or with bilateral breast cancer.

Was modified to read now:

Our results do not support association of the 5557G>A or ivs38-8T>C variant with increased breast cancer risk or with bilateral breast cancer.

I will be away for the next three weeks until August 7th. For any additional request until then, please email Dr. Johanna Tommiska (johanna.tommiska@helsinki.fi).

Sincerely,

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