Reviewer's report

Title: Frequency, prognostic impact, and subtype association of 8p12, 8q24, 11q13, 12p13, 17q12, and 20q13 amplifications in breast cancers

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Reviewer: Peter Schraml

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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)

A misunderstanding occurred concerning comment 3. Obviously, there are important amplification data of FGFR1 and RAB11FIP1 on 8p11-12 and MYBL2, ZNF217, and AURKA on 20q13, which are not mentioned in the manuscript. The amplification frequencies of each of these genes should be listed in a table. The findings should be briefly discussed in a separate paragraph.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests