Reviewer’s report

Title: HFE H63D mutation frequency shows an increase in Turkish women with breast cancer.

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General

The manuscript is much improved.

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

A change in language is needed regarding the results. A case-control study can not determine increased risk; only an association. Thus, there are at least three places where the language must be changed from "increased risk of breast cancer" to language like "H63D has a positive association with breast cancer" or "H63D is more common in breast cancer patients":

1. Abstract, Conclusion, 2nd sentence.
2. Discussion, para 1, 2nd sentence.
3. Conclusions, 2nd sentence.

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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. Discussion, para 4, 2nd sentence: transferring should be changed to transferrin
2. Discussion, para 4, 4th sentence: "one possibility that of" should be changed to "one possibility is that"

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

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

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

Statistical review: No

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I declare that I have no competing interests.