Reviewer's report

Title: Polymorphisms in metabolic genes, their combination and interaction with tobacco smoke and alcohol consumption and risk of gastric cancer: a case-control study in an Italian population

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Reviewer: Francois Sichel

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General

Points 1 and 2 of my first report are minimally corrected in the new version, but it looks now acceptable for publication.

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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)

It remains some inaccuracy in CYP2E1 alleles nomenclature. As I stated in the first report, RsaI restriction site is lacking on both *5A and *5B alleles, it can merely be noted as *5 alleles; DraI restriction site at nucleotide 7632 is lacking on both *5A and *6 alleles, it should be noted as *5A or *6 alleles. This should be corrected pages 2, 3, 8, 12, 13 and in tables 2 and 3.

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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, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.