Reviewer’s report

Title: Common NOD2/CARD15 variants are not associated with susceptibility or the clinicopathologic characteristics of sporadic colorectal cancer in Hungarian patients

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Reviewer: Pia Alhopuro

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General
The authors have responded to the major questions raised and the manuscript has improved.

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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)Abstract: SNP8 should be R702W (not R703W)
2)Patients and Methods: The authors should specify the ethnicity of the patients in the control group.
3)Patients and Methods: detection of SNP8 is missing
4)Discussion: (page 8) should be <50 years (not >50 years)
5)Discussion: (page 9) In the study by Roberts et al, the association of G908R and 3020insC with CRC were not statistically significant. Please, modify the text.

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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 of importance in its field

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