Reviewer’s report

Title: Lymphotoxin-alpha polymorphisms and presence of overall cancer in 1,536 consecutive autopsy cases

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There are still two minor points that need to be corrected.

a) On page 9, lines 3-4 the authors wrote “……and three major haplotypes were inferred. None of these haplotypes associated with the presence of cancer (data not shown).”

Which are these haplotypes? The authors should describe these haplotypes.

b) There is a mistake on table 1, first column (All subjects). The percentage related to the number of subjects older than 80 is not OK. There are 828 individuals included in this variable that suppose the 54 % of the total (not 105).

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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