Reviewer's report

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

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Reviewer: Han-Yao Huang

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The authors showed that the proportion of cancer death in the autopsy samples was similar to that in the general population, but the statistically significant associations for specific cancer sites could be spurious. This is suggestive in view of the lack of internal consistency between men and women. Hence, it is uncertain how these findings can be helpful to guide future studies.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.