Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Eike Staub

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As the authors have apparently forgot to a) submit the underlying SNP array data and expression data to a public repository, or b) to submit this data as supplementary files, the article does not enable others to reproduce the analyses.

Please ask the authors to resubmit the manuscript after they have submitted their data to GEO or ArrayExpress and indicate the possibility of restricted access for reviewers until the ms is accepted.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I am an employee of Merck Serono, the pharma division of Merck KGaA. On the basis of current content in this paper I can declare that I have no competing interests.