Reviewer's report

Title: Polymorphism +17 C/G in Matrix Metalloprotease MMP8 decreases lung cancer risk

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Reviewer: Jun Yokota

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The paper has been extensively revised according to the comments of three reviewers. Therefore, the quality of the paper has been much improved. However, re-analysis of the data revealed that most of the data are indeed negative as pointed out by the reviewers. Therefore, the impact of the findings in this paper is very small. I recommend the authors to report these results in a more specified journal. Alternatively, further analysis with more number of samples will make the results more convincing.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.