Reviewer's report

Title: A case-control study on the combined effects of p53 and p73 polymorphisms on head and neck cancer risk and progression in an Italian population

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Major revisions
The authors need to:
- address the multiple comparisons problem, in relation to other genotyping that was conducted for this study population
- consider whether the results are likely to be false positive

Minor comments
Table 1, ‘familiarity for cancer’ is not an appropriate word to describe family history of cancer

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

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.