Reviewer’s report

Title: Low-risk susceptibility alleles in 40 human breast cancer cell lines

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The revision has made the extent of the effect of allelic loss much clearer, and the readers will be able to evaluate the presented evidence better.

Minor Essential Revision:

- Table 3: when n=1 the standard error is not 0, because it can’t be meaningfully estimated. Either use a pooled error estimate for all groups, or don’t report SE for the n=1 groups.

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 declare that I have no competing interests.