Reviewer's report

Title: Association of FcgammaRIIa R131H polymorphism with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis severity and progression

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Major

4.- Could the authors explain why the frequency of RR(C/C) was 0.36 and 0.16 in HH (T/T) when ancestral allele is T?
I suggest that the authors include the answer in the discussion section.

Minor

4.- How many samples were analyzed by direct sequencing?
The authors need to include the next answer in the methods section.
“The number of samples corresponded to about 10% of the total analysed samples (n=366), with a minimum of 10 for each tested genotype (RR, RH, HH). In all cases, the genotypes obtained from the sequencing-based method matched that obtained from the PCR-based one”

5.- The authors need to explain why the RR genotype was used as reference.
I suggest that the authors include the answer in the result section.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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