Reviewer's report

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

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The authors responded to my suggestions and comments and I am happy with the revised version with exception of two points, the first is minor essential revision.

1. The power to replicate the observed differences in minor allele frequencies between the IPF subgroups does not need to be calculated, the power to detect differences between IPF and control is required and this was of satisfactory value.

2. The authors addition to methods of the sentence "In selected patient and control samples the efficiency and specificity of allele-specific PCR was validated by direct sequencing" still does not render the complete information. However as this was discretionary revision, I would like to mention only that term "selected" is very vague for me.

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 have no competing interests bellow