Reviewer's report

Title: Addressing the contribution of previously described genetic and epidemiological risk factors associated with increased prostate cancer risk and aggressive disease within men from South Africa

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An important paper as so little genetic linkage work done in black Africans. Evidence of collaboration between Internationally renowned institutions and more local institutions is welcomed. Although little in the way of positive findings (apart from well known confirmatory epidemiology), nonetheless a marker study in the field. Likely that there are different genetic changes to that which pertains in white populations. This work provides basis for further study. The authors acknowledge greater subject numbers required.

Major compulsory revision - methodology refers to "Tindall et al submitted". Either this submitted work is published before this one and so can be referenced properly, or the full methods put into this paper as an annexe. I wished to know more about the methods but had no way of so doing.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests