Reviewer’s report

Title: An extended association screen in multiple sclerosis using 202 microsatellite markers targeting apoptosis-related genes does not reveal new predisposing factors.

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This is an excellent article. It is well written, concise and described crucial information. The findings of this extensive study must be reported, given the importance of the disease, its destructive nature and the race to find a treatment and a diagnostic approach. Having available this journal provides a unique opportunity of publishing these positive "negative" findings produced by key experts in human genetics (i.e. Epplen and co-workers).

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What next?: Accept without revision

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.