Reviewer’s report

Title: Expanding the genetic basis of copy number variation in familial breast cancer

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The authors report an in-depth CNV analysis (germline) of a substantial cohort of unexplained hereditary or early-onset breast cancer patients (and controls) using state-of-the-art technologies. Relevant findings were validated using an independent PCR-based quantitative assay. The only caveat of this study may be a targeted screen in a large cohort for recurrences (now only found for WWOX and FHIT).

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