Reviewer's report

Title: Population screening for hereditary and familial cancer syndromes in Valka district of Latvia

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Reviewer: Jan Lubinski

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Very important paper well written and constructed; just three revisions needed:

a. cancer family history practically is able to identify only cancer family syndromes characterized by monogenic dominant highly penetrant inheritance pattern;

b. it has been proven that hereditary background can be found for practically all cancers (Lubinski J et al. Genetic contribution to all cancers: the first demonstration using the model of breast cancers from Poland stratified by age at diagnosis and tumour pathology. Breast Cancer Res Treat. 2009; 114 (1): 121-126)


Please, introduce appropriate improvements.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests