Reviewer's report

Title: Sequence variation in telomerase reverse transcriptase (TERT) as a determinant of risk of cardiovascular disease: the Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Study

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Minor Essential Revision

1) Paragraph 2 of discussion is a bit long, perhaps break into 2-3 smaller paragraphs

2) Power calculation/analysis should be move to methods section

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

none