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The manuscript is much improved from the structure added to the discussion and the inclusion of recent asian population findings. Some minor language and grammatical errors remain, but they can be easily corrected.

Some indication of the BRCA1/2 status of the cohort if known should be included. The cases are likely sporadic cases, but a statement clarifying this in light of the XRCC data would provide essential clarity. Any interpretation of the phenotypic or clinical findings of the cohort in relation to the genotypic results would be useful. Again, the inclusion of some clarification would be of benefit to the reader.

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