Reviewer’s report

Title: Insights into the genetics of blood pressure in black South African individuals: The Birth to Twenty cohort

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Reviewer: Tamar Sofer

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The paper, and especially the methods, are much clearer now. However, I am not sure why you say that this is a "confirmatory" study, if you mainly report discoveries, and do not include a thorough investigation of previous findings. I think the paper will be better with a more thorough, and clearer, investigation of your findings in light of the literature. For example, I think it will help the readers if you put results from PhenoScanner at a table, and also provide a table comparing results reported in another large study in African Americans (e.g. Liang et al.), to those from your study.

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