Author’s response to reviews

Title: Clinical and genetic characterization of hereditary breast cancer in a Chinese population

Authors:

Wenjing Jian (jianwj2007@126.com)
Kang Shao (shaokang@genomics.cn)
Qi Qin (616197292@qq.com)
Xiaohong Wang (wangxiaohong@genomics.cn)
Shufen Song (songsfwill@126.com)
Xianming Wang (wxm60@aliyun.com)

Version: 2 Date: 11 Oct 2017

Author’s response to reviews:

Dear Dr. Scott,

Thank you very much for your letter and the advice on our manuscript "Clinical and genetic characterization of hereditary breast cancer in a Chinese population" (HCCP-D-17-00011R1). We have resubmitted new version of graphs in accordance with the recommendations of the technical editor. We have addressed the comments raised by the reviewers, and the changes are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript. We hope that the revision is acceptable for publication.

Yours sincerely,

Xianming Wang
Reviewer reports:

The abstract needs to be changed. There is no such thing as a sporadic germline mutation - Any germline change should be described as a causative variant (not a mutation). Furthermore, sporadic implies that the change is NOT germline, so this term must be deleted when discussing causative variants. Change, throughout the entire document any reference to a germline "mutation" to a causative variant - this is the correct nomenclature.

Answer: We thank the reviewer for the suggestions. We have revised the abstract as recommended. The term “germline mutation" has been changed to “causative variant” throughout the entire document, and the term “sporadic” has been deleted when discussing causative variants.