Reviewer's report

Title: High prevalence of protein tyrosine phosphatase non-receptor N22 gene functional variant R620W in systemic lupus erythematosus patients from Kuwait: implications for disease susceptibility

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This is an interesting study that presents data on the prevalence of the PTPN22 R620W variant in a novel ethnic group. There are a few minor changes in the wording of some passages that may improve clarity. Perhaps an interpretation of any significance of the gender/genotype data can be added, and if there was any association between the T allele and other SLE manifestations (other than Raynaud's, nephritis and disease severity) - although the numbers of patients with the TT phenotype are small and may limit this analysis.

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