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Dear Anne and Alice,

This manuscript is now approved for publication by our GeneSTAR steering committee.

Please add the symbol for 'Published posthumously' for Diane Becker, our study founder, as she died in 2021.

GeneSTAR acknowledgements attached, please use this in the supplementary note.

Best,
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Dear Co-authors,

Thank you all for your valuable feedback; we hope you find the manuscript much improved. We are happy to provide a final draft of the manuscript, "Whole Genome Sequencing Analysis of Body Mass Index Identifies Novel African Ancestry-Specific Risk Allele". This manuscript has been presented to the Adiposity-Anthropometry Working Group for approval and following the tasks listed below will be submitted to TOPMed for approval.

A few tasks to note...

1. **Please acknowledge that you have received and approve of the manuscript** by either responding to this email, or placing an "X" in column H of [this googlesheet](#) next to your name **by May 19th**.
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Again, thank you for your collaboration. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

Thank you,

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Dear Co-authors,

We are happy to circulate a draft manuscript for your review and comment. We would like to target Nature Communications, but are open to suggestions of other appropriate journals. In addition to your comments and suggestions, please be sure to check your name, affiliation, acknowledgements, and any conflicts of interest, as well as any missing description information for replication cohorts.

We are requesting feedback within the next two weeks (March 10th), but if you need more time, just let us know.

Thank you,

Anne Justice, Alice Zhang, and Kari North on behalf of the writing group

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