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Anne –

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you.

Since Ryan Irvin, Donna Arnett, and Hemant Tiwari have approved as co-authors and the GOLDN Epigenetics and HyperGEN LVH grants are all properly cited, you can consider this approved.

BTW, you have the HyperGEN LVH grant supplement (R01 HL055673-18S1) cited twice in the acknowledgements.

Best,

Steve

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Hi Steven,

I am just following up on my previous email (see below). Please let us know if any additional

information is needed to obtain study approval so that we may proceed with submission to the TOPMed P&P.

Thank you,

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Hello Steven,

We are forwarding a TOPMed manuscript draft that includes HyperGen study data for your approval. This manuscript is written as part of the TOPMed MS#982. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Thank you,

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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**.
2. If you require approval from your parent study and have not already done so, **please submit this version to your P&P** and send Anne Justice (aejustice1@geisinger.edu) and Xinruo (Alice) Zhang (xinruo@email.unc.edu) confirmation of approval.
3. **Please double check your information**, including name (main text), affiliation (main text), acknowledgements (Supplementary Note), author contributions (main text), and COI (main text) and send corrections **by May 19th**.

Again, thank you for your collaboration. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

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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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