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Dear Dr. Sofer,

The Publications and Presentations Subcommittee (PPS) thank you for your submission of the Consortia manuscript titled "Population Stratification at the Phenotypic Variance level and Implication for the Analysis of Whole Genome Sequencing Data from Multiple Studies". The sequential number M0985 has been assigned to your proposal, so please refer to this number when making reference to this manuscript. The Publications and Presentations Subcommittee voted to "**accept with comments**". Evaluator comments are attached for your review. Please review the guidelines below regarding the publication of your manuscript.

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We look forward to the publication of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Adolfo Correa'.

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Evaluator Comments:

1. TOPMed banner is not appropriately formatted. Also, while JHS specific acknowledgements look fine, the TOPMed acknowledgements including JHS sequencing center I don't see <https://www.nhlbiwgs.org/acknowledgements>. I'm sure this will be picked up at the TOPMed review stage too though.

