



MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Edward Ha

From: JHS Publications & Presentations Committee

Date: February 20, 2023

RE: Manuscript Review (M1725: Duffy gene polymorphism is associated with differences in hs-CRP: The Jackson Heart Study and Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis)

The JHS Publications and Presentations Committee reviewed your manuscript and it has been **accepted with comments**. Please note that the manuscript does not need to be submitted for re-review; however, **the lead author should prepare a brief reply addressing the committee's comments**. Responses should be submitted to jhspub@umc.edu. Please see the committee's comments below.

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The following **acknowledgment** and **disclaimer** must be included in your submitted manuscript:

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Thank you for collaborating with the JHS.

Comments

1. Great manuscript. I am only curious if genotype TT and CT of rs2814778 of the Duffy receptor positive has a similar association with serum hs-CRP levels and all-cause mortality. In addition, correlation between rs2814778 and CRP SNPs may help the reader to further understand the results.