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**From:** McGarvey, Stephen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 4:38 PM  
**To:** Li, Zilin  
**Cc:** Weeks, Daniel E; Li, Xihao; Lin, Xihong  
**Subject:** Re: STAAR noncoding framework manuscript for your review

Dear Zilin and Xihao,

The Samoan research group approves this manuscript! Good luck.

Steve

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On Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 3:51 PM Li, Zilin <[li@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:li@hsph.harvard.edu)> wrote:

Dear Dr. McGarvey and Dr. Weeks,

Please see the attached revised manuscript of the STAAR noncoding framework manuscript. We have revised the manuscript by addressing all comments suggested by Dr. Weeks, added Dr. Weeks as a co-author, and included the OLaGA group in the acknowledgment.

Could you please let us know if there is anything additional we need for **Samoan P&P approval** of this manuscript?

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Zilin & Xihao

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**From:** Lin, Xihong <[xlin@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:xlin@hsph.harvard.edu)>  
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**Cc:** Minster, Ryan L <[rminster@pitt.edu](mailto:rminster@pitt.edu)>  
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Thanks much, Steve and Dan! Best, Xihong

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**Cc:** Minster, Ryan L <[rminster@pitt.edu](mailto:rminster@pitt.edu)>  
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Dear Zilin, Xihao and Xihong,

Please find attached Dan Weeks' comments on the main text file and Supplementary Note. Ryan Minster won't have the time to comment so please remove him as a co-author. Following our earlier emails I also will not be a co-author. Thus the co-authors for the Samoa project are Daniel E Weeks and our two Samoan collaborators, Take Naseri and Muagututi'a Sefuiva Reupena.

We ask that the Samoan study banner name 'The Samoan Obesity, Lifestyle and Genetic Adaptations Study (OLaGA) Group' be included in the Acknowledgements section, not in any author list. I send here the names of the OLaGA investigators and ask that they be listed in any Supplementary materials.

Thank you for giving our group an opportunity to comment.

best regards,

Steve

**From:** Li, Zilin <[li@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:li@hsph.harvard.edu)>  
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Dear Dr. Weeks and Dr. Minster,

It is a follow-up email for the review of the STAAR noncoding framework manuscript. Could you please let us know if there is anything needed for the approval of the Samoans P&P committee regarding the manuscript? The manuscript has already been reviewed and got approved by all other TOPMed participating cohorts.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Zilin

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**From:** [Li, Zilin](#)

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 4:38 PM

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**Subject:** RE: STAAR noncoding framework manuscript for your review

Dear Dr. MaGarvey,

We will update the author list by adding Dr. Week and Dr. Minster. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Zilin

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Dear Zilin and Xihao,

Thank you for the reminder. I forwarded the first email to my collaborators Daniel Weeks and Ryan Minster at University of Pittsburgh in Human Genetics. The manuscript is definitely far away from my

expertise and I asked them to comment and be the co-author(s) representing the Samoa project. I do not think I should be a co-author on this ms.

I await their comments which will be the comments you get from our project. Perhaps they can share any comments directly with you.

best regards,

Steve

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