

## RE: Request study-specific review of manuscript

Cosentino, Ruth <rcosenti@som.umaryland.edu>

Tue 5/23/2023 9:21 AM

To: Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>; RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

Cc: Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>

### External Email - Use Caution

Dear Rebecca,  
Confirming that Dr. Mitchell approved this manuscript for the Amish Cohort.  
James Perry was also added as an author.

Kind Regards,  
Rhea Cosentino  
Manager, Program for Personalized and Genomic Medicine  
University of Maryland School of Medicine  
670 W. Baltimore Street  
HSFIII Room 4063  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
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**From:** Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 3:51 PM  
**To:** RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>  
**Cc:** Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>  
**Subject:** Re: Request study-specific review of manuscript

Dear Ms. Cosentino,

You are being contacted as a representative of the Amish cohort.

This is a reminder email that we are submitting our manuscript for study specific review per the TOPMed publication guidelines. Please see our earlier email on 5/2/23 for full information.

Please let us know if your publications committee will need not be able to provide a decision before 5/22/23.

Thank you,  
Rebecca

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**From:** Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 3:25 PM  
**To:** RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

**Cc:** Alexis Battle <[ajbattle@jhu.edu](mailto:ajbattle@jhu.edu)>

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The TOPMed paper proposal for this work was #6781.

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Thank you,  
Rebecca Keener

## RE: Request study-specific review of manuscript

Breaux, Camille J <Camille.J.Breaux@uth.tmc.edu>

Tue 5/16/2023 9:50 AM

To: Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>; RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

Cc: Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>; Eric.Boerwinkle <Eric.Boerwinkle@uth.tmc.edu>

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Hello Dr. Keener,

Review/approval is not needed by the ARIC publications committee.

Thanks,

Camille

### Camille Breaux

Senior Program Manager

☎ +1 (713) 500 9914

1200 Pressler St, Houston, TX 77030 3900



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**From:** Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 2:56 PM

**To:** RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

**Cc:** Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>

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Dear Dr. Boerwinkle,

You are being contacted as a representative of the ARIC cohort.

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## TOPMed TL paper

RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

Mon 5/15/2023 4:03 PM

To: Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>

Cc: Barnes, Kathleen <KATHLEEN.BARNES@CUANSCHUTZ.EDU>

Hi Rebecca - I approve your TOPMed TL paper on behalf of the BAGS study.

Best,  
Rasika

**Rasika Mathias, ScD.**

*Professor of Medicine,*

*Johns Hopkins University.*

*Director of Genomics, GeneSTAR Research program, General Internal Medicine.*

*Director, Data Analysis Unit, Allergy and Clinical Immunology.*

*Sarah Miller Coulson Family Human Aging Project Scholar - Center for Innovative Medicine.*

*E: rmathias@jhmi.edu / P: 410-550-2487 / T: @RasikaMathias*

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Loos, Ruth <ruth.loos@mssm.edu>

Mon 5/15/2023 3:59 PM

To: Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>; RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

Cc: Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>; Kenny, Eimear <eimear.kenny@mssm.edu>

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It's been approved by Eimear and me.

Good luck !

Ruth

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**From:** Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 21:58

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**Cc:** Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>

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Fornage, Myriam <Myriam.Fornage@uth.tmc.edu>

Tue 5/16/2023 4:22 PM

To: Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>; RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

Cc: Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>

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Hi Rebecca:

Thank you for your nice manuscript. I did not see any specific information on the CARDIA study data used (or any other study for that matter). I wonder if having a minimum of demographic information would be helpful. Otherwise, this can be considered approved.

Thanks!

Myriam

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**From:** Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 3:41 PM

**To:** Fornage, Myriam <Myriam.Fornage@uth.tmc.edu>; RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

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**From:** Fornage, Myriam <[Myriam.Fornage@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Myriam.Fornage@uth.tmc.edu)>

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**Cc:** Alexis Battle <[ajbattle@jhu.edu](mailto:ajbattle@jhu.edu)>

**Subject:** RE: Request study-specific review of manuscript



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Hi Rebecca:

Please resend me the email. I was on leave on a family emergency at the time and have missed it.

Thanks!

Myriam

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**Cc:** Alexis Battle <[ajbattle@jhu.edu](mailto:ajbattle@jhu.edu)>  
**Subject:** Re: Request study-specific review of manuscript

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Dear Dr. Fornage,

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Rebecca Keener


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Frank D. Gilliland <gillilan@usc.edu>

Tue 5/2/2023 8:48 PM

To: Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>

Cc: RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>; Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>

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Hello Rebecca;

We approve this manuscript and the affiliations.

Frank Gilliland for the CHS team.

> On May 2, 2023, at 12:25 PM, Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu> wrote:

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## Fwd: Record update from chs-nhlbi.org

joshua c. bis <joshbis@uw.edu>

Mon 5/15/2023 4:33 PM

To: Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>

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Hi Rebecca -- see below for confirmation of CHS's approval of the TOPMed Telomere paper.

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From: <chsnhlbi@u.washington.edu>

Date: Mon, May 8, 2023 at 4:48 PM

Subject: Record update from chs-nhlbi.org

To: <joshbis@uw.edu>

Hello, authors.

Congratulations! Your penultimate draft, Validation of human telomere length trans-ethnic meta-analysis association signals identifies POP5 and KBTBD6 as novel human telomere length regulation genes, was approved by the Steering Committee. Please see the updated status and details regarding your next steps at the following link:

[https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.com%2Fv3%2F\\_https%3A%2F%2Fchs-nhlbi.org%2Fnode%2F9341\\_%3B!!K-Hz7m0Vt54!mLPrlqjQLMQL4q7YDBHgLAzaIFVerX2be0kamrjQltXSZ8RmSgjNT-WQrp9J\\_sgJqRAj8qVWXNIm0D82vRp-XIVQ%24&data=05%7C01%7Crkeener%40jhmi.edu%7C8a85e75d501747726ece08db5583b450%7C9fa4f438b1e6473b803f86f8aedf0dec%7C0%7C0%7C638197796376580585%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=r6pGOsZVLKVyl70StigmKcTv%2BNZhqKLH2E5RLRD1BEE%3D&reserved=0](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.com%2Fv3%2F_https%3A%2F%2Fchs-nhlbi.org%2Fnode%2F9341_%3B!!K-Hz7m0Vt54!mLPrlqjQLMQL4q7YDBHgLAzaIFVerX2be0kamrjQltXSZ8RmSgjNT-WQrp9J_sgJqRAj8qVWXNIm0D82vRp-XIVQ%24&data=05%7C01%7Crkeener%40jhmi.edu%7C8a85e75d501747726ece08db5583b450%7C9fa4f438b1e6473b803f86f8aedf0dec%7C0%7C0%7C638197796376580585%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=r6pGOsZVLKVyl70StigmKcTv%2BNZhqKLH2E5RLRD1BEE%3D&reserved=0)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Ellen

Ellen Terry  
Publications Coordinator  
CHS-NHLBI.org  
ecterry@uw.edu

NOTES: Please make sure you are logged on to the CHS website before clicking the above link. This message was sent to the first author and all CHS co-authors.

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Nicholette (Palmer) Allred <nallred@wakehealth.edu>

Wed 5/3/2023 9:56 AM

To: Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>; RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

Cc: Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>; Barry Freedman <bfreedma@wakehealth.edu>; Nicholette (Palmer) Allred <nallred@wakehealth.edu>

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Good Morning Rebecca,

DHS has reviewed the paper and gives final approval for submission. Good luck publishing this exciting work!

Thanks,

*Nichole*

Nicholette D. (Palmer) Allred, Ph.D.  
Professor with Tenure

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 3:26 PM  
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**Cc:** Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Request study-specific review of manuscript

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Thank you,  
Rebecca Keener

## Re: Authorship on meta-analysis of TOPMed telomere length manuscript

Lisa Yanek <lryanek@jhmi.edu>

Mon 5/15/2023 4:31 PM

To: Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>

Hello Rebecca,

This manuscript is now approved for publication by the GeneSTAR Steering Committee.

Best wishes with submission,

Lisa

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**From:** Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:46 PM

**To:** Surya Chhetri <schhetri@jhu.edu>

**Cc:** RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>; Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>

**Subject:** Authorship on meta-analysis of TOPMed telomere length manuscript

Our meta-analysis of telomere length GWAS is in the final stages before publication. You are being contacted as an author on this work.

Please edit your name, affiliation, supporting grants, and disclosures in [this spreadsheet](#).

If we do not hear from you by May 4, 2023, we will assume the existing information is accurate.

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We welcome your input on the manuscript, which is attached. The Supplemental Note and Supplemental Acknowledgements are included in this Word document.

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For TOPMed members:

Our meta-analysis includes the TOPMed telomere length GWAS that was recently published. We compiled the author list based on authors included on that paper. If alternate or additional people should be added to represent your cohort, please add them as you deem appropriate. Please make sure to specify which individuals are senior or junior authors so that they are placed in the author order list appropriately.

We look forward to your input,

Rebecca Keener


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Carmen Isasi <carmen.isasi@einsteinmed.edu>

Fri 5/5/2023 10:26 AM

To: Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>

Cc: Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>; RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

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ATP Scan In Progress;

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Dear Rebecca

I've been asked to give the HCHS/SOL approval for this manuscript. I noticed in the acknowledgement that TOPMed HCHS/SOL was not included, please add this to the section Generation of TOPMed whole genome sequencing data by study:

"NHLBI TOPMed: HCHS/SOL" (phs001395) was performed at Baylor College of Medicine Human Genome Sequencing Center (HHSN268201600033I).

With this edit, HCHS/SOL OKs this manuscript

Carmen

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**From:** Robert Kaplan <robert.kaplan@einsteinmed.edu>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 7:21 PM

**To:** Carmen Isasi <carmen.isasi@einsteinmed.edu>

**Subject:** Fw: Request study-specific review of manuscript

Dear Carmen,

Since you're an author on this paper, could you take responsibility to be the pubs comm reviewer?

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Robert Kaplan, PhD (*he/him*)

Albert Einstein College of Medicine

718-430-4076 (New York)

206-667-6913 (Seattle)

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Arnett, Donna <Donna.Arnett@sc.edu>

Tue 5/23/2023 1:52 PM

To: Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>

Cc: RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>; irvinr@uab.edu <irvinr@uab.edu>; steven.claas@uky.edu <steven.claas@uky.edu>

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Rebecca, I have read thru the paper and I have no additional comments. The spreadsheet is up to date. You can consider this approval from HyperGEN and GOLDN.

Donna

Donna K. Arnett, PhD

Executive Vice President and Provost

University of South Carolina

donna.arnett@sc.edu

Executive Assistant: Ashley Dantzler (dillahun@mailbox.sc.edu)

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**From:** Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:07 AM

**To:** RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

**Cc:** Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>

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Rebecca Keener



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Allison Ashley-Koch, Ph.D. <allison.ashleykoch@duke.edu>

Thu 5/18/2023 1:26 PM

To: Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>; RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

Cc: Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>

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Hi Rebecca—

Excellent manuscript. I really like the fact that you did functional validation. There is so much of what we do that is just association that including the functional work really elevates the paper, in my opinion.

I also have to ask if you can send me the link to the google spreadsheet directly in the email. For whatever reason, I cannot access it when I just click on the links from within the manuscript. This was particularly true for the authorship/disclosure link.

In short, we approve the manuscript. But in order to update the authorship and disclosures, I need the actual link sent.

Thank you!

Allison

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Dear Dr. Ashley-Koch and Dr. Telen,

You are being contacted as representatives of the OMG\_SCD cohort.

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B2BProgram <B2BProgram@cchmc.org>

Mon 5/15/2023 8:39 AM

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Cc: Alexis Battle <ajbattle@jhu.edu>; B2BProgram <B2BProgram@cchmc.org>

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Dear Rebecca,

I have circulated this manuscript to the PCGC PI's for review and have received approval of this with no concerns.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need from the PCGC regarding this manuscript.

Thank you!

**Christine Lagemann; Sr. Specialist, Project Management**

**Bench to Bassinet**

**Cincinnati Children's Administrative Coordinating Center**

Cincinnati Children's

3333 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 3:26 PM

**To:** RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

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**Subject:** Request study-specific review of manuscript

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Thank you,  
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## Re: Request study-specific review of manuscript

Williams, Keoki <KWILLIA5@hfhs.org>

Mon 5/22/2023 3:43 PM

To: Rebecca Keener <rkeener@jhmi.edu>; RASIKA Mathias <rmathias@jhmi.edu>

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Hi Rebecca,

Sorry, I was out of town last week. You have our permission to proceed with publishing the study. The names to include from SAPPHIRE would be Dr. Baojun Wu and me. Many thanks.

-Keoki

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We approve the manuscript.

Walk-PhaSST study

Thank you

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Rebecca,

No review is required for the WGHS. Consider the project approved.

Thanks for your patience,

Dan

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: May 26, 2023

To: Rebecca Keener

From: Lindsey Bull  
P&P Committee Coordinator

Subject: Manuscript 4931 – Validation of human telomere length trans-ethnic meta-analysis association signals identifies POP5 and KBTBD6 as novel human telomere length regulation genes

Congratulations! The Publications and Presentations (P&P) Committee has approved this paper with recommended changes. Please see the review at the end of this memo for details.

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Review 1:

**Comments:**

This is a TOPMed paper reporting GWAS findings for telomere length and follow-up experiments. Extensive work and interesting findings.

**Recommended changes:**

I could not find WHI description or acknowledgments, and WHI investigators are not yet included. For colocalization analysis, which reference panel was used for LD? Same for SuSiE.