

Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of Matrix Metalloproteinase 9 rs3918242 Genetic Variant on Lipid-lowering Efficacy of Simvastatin Therapy in Chinese Patients with Coronary Heart Disease

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Reviewer's report:

This is a timely study, with only some limitations that should be addressed in the discussion.

- 1) The fact that only a single dose of simvastatin (the one that is usually prescribed to start with) was used is certainly a limitation, but the authors should at least address whether or not a dose-dependent effect is to be expected;
- 2) The fact that diet was modified may partly bias the results: also this aspect should be addressed.

There are some minor English style issues to be checked.

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