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Re: revision of manuscript “Total blood lymphocyte counts in hemochromatosis probands with HFE C282Y homozygosity: relationship to severity of iron overload and HLA-A and -B alleles and haplotypes” by J.C. Barton, H.W. Wiener, R.T. Acton, and R. C.-P. Go

Dear Editorial Board:

We are delighted that the reviewer did not recommend any additional revisions and, that in principle; you have accepted our manuscript for publication in BMC Blood Disorders. We have made the following formatting changes that you recommended.

Header- We have removed the header from the top right of the manuscript pages.

Affiliations – We have provided each affiliation in full and used the following format: department, institute, city, country. We have eliminated full capitals for country names, and full-stops in abbreviated country names.

We have linked each author to their corresponding affiliation with the use of superscript numbers.

Country – We have included the country in the affiliation details.

Equal contributors – We have indicated equal contribution of the authors by the appropriate symbol.

Keywords section - The keywords have been eliminated from the manuscript.

References- These have been placed after the Acknowledgements section.

We believe that we have addressed the all the formatting changes adequately and look forward to publication of the manuscript. Thank you for your help in this regard.

Sincerely,

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