Reviewer's report

Title: The Neck-Region Polymorphism of DC-SIGNR in Peri-Centenarian from Han Chinese Population

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

The authors investigated a possible association between DC-SIGNR neck-region polymorphism and life span in the Han Chinese population. There are some issues that need to be addressed appropriately before considering its publication. The authors need to described in more details the recruitment procedures and the clinical/demographic characteristics of the study participants. The subjects were randomly selected from how many subjects, from where (hospitals, clinics, home, etc). What was the method used to randomly assigned the subjects. What is the % of peri-centenarian individuals in Dujiangyan community. What is the distribution of the different variables associated with life span (smoking, incomes, chronic diseases, etc) among the cases and controls.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests