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1. We agree that black African people are not genetically homogeneous. We have therefore the statement in the abstract ‘The study was confined to persons of black African ancestry to maintain genetic homogeneity and avoid confounding of results by population admixture’ with ‘The study was confined to persons of black African ancestry to minimize confounding of results by population admixture’.