Reviewer's report

Title: Lack of association between polymorphisms of the IL18R1 and IL18RAP genes and cardiovascular risk: the MORGAM Project

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General comment:
The revised report entitled “Lack of association between polymorphisms of the IL18R1 and IL18RAP genes and cardiovascular risk: the MORGAM Project” responds adequately to all concerns and suggestions made.

1. Major Compulsory Revisions:
None

2. Minor Essential Revisions
2.1 The term “htSNP” in the abstract and in the text is not explained and inconsistently used with “tag SNP”. Maybe the use of tag SNP is sufficiently self explaining. The authors might reconsider using “htSNP”.

2.2 Results, section IL18R1 gene: There seems to be an error in citing the rs number of the delention variant. rs1565656 instead of rs1465656.

3. Discretionary Revisions
None

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.