Author's response to reviews

Title: Genetic association study of selected candidate genes (APOB, LPL, LEPTIN) and telomere length in obese and hypertensive individuals.

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To Editor-in-Chief,

BMC Medical Genetics,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am submitting the revised manuscript (MS: 9657831702395905) entitled, “GENETIC ASSOCIATION STUDY OF SELECTED CANDIDATE GENES (APOB, LPL, LEPTIN) AND TELOMERE LENGTH IN OBESE AND HYPERTENSIVE INDIVIDUALS.” authored by Birajalaxmi Das, Nilambari Pawar, Divyalakshmi Saini and M. Seshadri to your esteemed journal.

We have replied to the queries raised by reviewer 2 and incorporated in the text of the revised manuscript. The corrected portions are highlighted in yellow in the revised manuscript.

We have revised the manuscript as per reviewer’s comment and your suggestions/requirement.

1. In the revised manuscript we have addressed the question of raised by reviewer 2 regarding the reported p-value. We are very sorry for the typographical error. It should be read as (P>0.05) in stead of P=0.014. The mistake is highly regretted.

   The statement in the revised manuscript will be as follows:

   “The mean telomere length was observed to be 1.15 ± 0.027 in males and 1.13 ± 0.029 in females, which were not statistically significant (P>0.05).”

2. As pointed out, we have mentioned the full name of the institutional ethic committee, who has given the approval of the study, in the “Methods” section.

3. We also have included the title page and the abstract in the manuscript file as per the suggestions.

   We hope that with these above clarifications, our manuscript will be considered to be published in your esteemed journal shortly.

We sincerely thank BMC Biomedical Genetics for the high quality evaluation of the manuscript.

Thanking you,

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Dear Sir,

Please refer to the manuscript, “MS: 9657831702395905” entitled, “Genetic association study of selected candidate genes (APOB, LPL, LEPTIN) and telomere length in obese and hypertensive individuals.” authored by Birajalaxmi Das, Nilambari Pawar, Divyalakshmi Saini and M. Seshadri.

As pointed out by you, we have addressed to your query and incorporated in the revised manuscript. The corrected portions are highlighted in yellow in the revised manuscript.

**Minor Essential revisions:**

As rightly pointed out, the mean telomere length in males was not significantly different from the values observed in females. There was a typographical error in the P value. The P value mentioned in the manuscript is not correct. It is P>0.05 instead of P=0.014. The mistake is highly regretted.

Hence, the corrected sentence in the revised manuscript will be as follows: “The mean telomere length was observed to be 1.15 ± 0.027 in males and 1.13 ± 0.029 in females, which were not statistically significant (P>0.05).”

Hope, we have clarified the point raised by you.

We are extremely thankful to the reviewer for pointing out the typographical error. We really appreciate the high quality evaluation of reviewer 2, especially for the statistical analysis required for this manuscript. We profusely thank the reviewer for a positive response about our manuscript.

Awaiting for a positive reply.

Thanking you,

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