Author's response to reviews

Title: Genetic variants in the TIRAP gene are associated with increased risk of sepsis-associated acute lung injury

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Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear Editors,

Thank you very much for your and two reviewers’ appreciation of our manuscript. Enclosed please find a revised manuscript entitled: “Genetic variants in the TIRAP gene are associated with increased risk of sepsis-associated acute lung injury” (MS: 1994855642424389). In the revised manuscript, we have addressed all the reviewers’ comments. We have highlighted the revisions (blue color font) in the main text and provided a point-by-point response to the reviewers’ comments as follows.

We believe that the manuscript has been strengthened by the second revision. We are looking forward to hearing a favorable decision from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

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Reviewer's report

Title: Genetic variants in the TIRAP gene are associated with increased risk of sepsis-associated acute lung injury

Version: 2 Date: 18 October 2010

Reviewer: Carlos Flores

Reviewer's report:
The authors have addressed all the scientific comments raised for the first version of the manuscript. In the present form, it still need some language corrections:
-Specifically, authors should be consistent when refering to the population. It should be refered to as Han Chinese.

Response: We revised the statement as suggested.

-Page 10, use the past in the sentences of lines 9 and 14. Page 16, start of second paragraph, after stating the two rs numebers, no comma is needed.

Response: We revised the statement as suggested.

-Page 17, first paragraph, please revise the grammar of the new parts added on this version.

Response: We revised the new parts as suggested.

-Figure legend, remove the "s" from plots.

Response: Removed.
Reviewer's report

Title: Genetic variants in the TIRAP gene are associated with increased risk of sepsis-associated acute lung injury

Version: 2 Date: 4 November 2010

Reviewer: Thomas Hawn

Reviewer's report:
The authors addressed all of my concerns.

Response: Thanks.