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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed a revised version of the manuscript entitled:

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by Intissar Ezzidi, Nabil Mtiraoui, Safia Messaoudi, Molka Chaieb, Maha Kacem, Ghada M Al-Khateeb, Touhami Mahjoub and Wassim Y Almawi, which we submit for re-consideration for publication in *BMC Medical Genetics*, after having addressed the following points raised in your message:

1. The earlier paper (BMC Medical Genetics 2009, 10:33), and current study investigated the same population; however this study on calpain polymorphisms associated with T2D was not published earlier even in abstract form, and hence its novelty.
2. The earlier study was cited in the revised version, and was appropriately referred to in the Introduction and Discussion sections.

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I trust that the changes made have addressed your query. Please address all correspondence pertaining to the manuscript either to myself or to the senior author, Prof. Wassim Y. Almawi (wassim@agu.edu.bh). We look forward to hear from you favourably in due course.

Sincerely,