Reviewer’s report

Title: Association between polymorphisms in the coagulation factor VII gene and coronary heart disease risk in different ethnicities: a meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Jie Huang

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Dear Editor:

I feel that the revised manuscript and the authors’ responses addressed well all questions that I raised. Therefore I would suggest this manuscript be accepted should the other reviewers approve.

I acknowledge the difficulty of characterizing polymorphisms identified quite long time ago but could not be linked to currently widely used reference panels such as HapMap and 1000 Genomes. There are also challenges in characterizing LD across different ethnicity, including the measurement of LD being Rsq or D', and the interpretation for high LD but no consistent association signals.

best regards,
Jie Huang, MD MPH

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