**Author's response to reviews**

**Title:** Association of genetic variants in chromosome 17q21 and adult-onset asthma in a Chinese Han population

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Dear editor,

We sincerely appreciate the associate editor and the reviewers’ comments. We found the comments and suggestions of the reviewers to be very helpful. Below we provide a point-by-point response to the comments. We hope that our revisions are enough for publication. Thanks again for your kind consideration! We are looking forward to your positive decision.

Many thanks for your hard work for processing the paper.

Sincerely,

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Reviewer's report:

Minor Essential Revisions: It is not informative just to add in the Abstract that asthma was significantly associated with single SNPs and haplotypes of 17q. The authors must provide actual data for the identity, effect size and 95% CI (or p-values) of individual SNPs and haplotypes that account for such associations. They need to provide similar data for the effect of SNPs on gene expression. Besides, there are both grammatical and typo errors for the revised sentence on page 7.

R: We are sorry for not making detailed changes in abstract in previous version. We have added the OR, P value and description in abstract according to reviewer's suggestions. Also, we asked Laura Heraty, an editor of Canada, help us revising the manuscript. Hopefully, it can meet the standard of publication.