Author's response to reviews

Title: Genome-wide association study identifies PERLD1 as asthma candidate gene

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Dear Editor,

Re: Resubmission of manuscript “Genome-wide association study identifies PERLD1 as asthma candidate gene”

We thank you for accepting the above titled manuscript for publication in BMC Medical Genetics. We have revised the formatting of the manuscript based on your comments.

Comment 1 by Editor:

“Author list: the list of authors in the manuscript should be written exactly as they are in the submission system, both in style and order. The preferred style is 'First name Initial Last name' (e.g. Joe F Bloggs) “

Reply from author:

We have amended the formatting of the author list in the manuscript as well as in the submission system. The first and last names of all the authors are as follows:

1. First Name: Ramani;   Last Name: Anantharaman
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Comment 2 by Editor:

“References: please provide a functioning link to website http://snp.wustl.edu/cgi-bin/SNPseek/index.cgi”
Reply from author:

The SNPseek website does not appear to be accessible anymore. We have removed the reference to this website from the manuscript.

Comment 3 by Editor:

“Author list: please amend the capitalisation of your author list. The preferred style is 'First name middle Initial Last name' (e.g. Joe F Bloggs)”

Reply from author:

We have amended the capitalization of the author list as mentioned above.

Comment 4 by Editor:

“Abbreviations: Please format these in to a paragraph. Please make sure all abbreviations are spelt out and occur in alphabetical order.”

Reply from author:

We have formatted the abbreviations into a paragraph, and have ensured they are in alphabetical order and are all spelt out.

Comment 5 by Editor:

“References: please provide the full citation details for references 26 and 34. You can view the BMC reference guide at the following link
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcgenet/ifora/#references”

Reply from author:
We have provided complete citations for references 26 and 34. However, as an earlier reference was removed (with reference to our reply to comment 3 by editor above), the Hindorff et al. reference is now reference 33.

Comment 6 by Editor:

“Tables: please remove the visible vertical lines from your tables”

Reply from author:

The visible vertical line from Table 1 was removed. The line was previously included to demarcate samples used in the discovery and replication cohorts. An additional empty column has now been included in the table to visually separate the two cohorts.

Comment 7 by Editor:

“Tables: the table title should appear above the table and should be only one sentence long. Please place any other text as a legend (or key), which should appear below the table”

Reply from author:

The table titles have been moved to appear above the table and are only one sentence long. Additional text (legend) appears below the table.

Comment 8 by Editor:

“Tables: please note that we are unable to correctly display merged cells where the merged cell crosses rows: please re-layout your table without these merged elements”

Reply from author:

We have amended Table 5 which had merged cells which crossed rows. The text that previously appeared in the merged cells has been split into multiple cells according to the distribution of rows in the rest of the table.
Comment 9 by Editor:

“Typography: Please take this opportunity to check your manuscript for any typographical errors and to make any final corrections or revisions. This is the final proofing stage for your manuscript, and you will not be able to make any changes after acceptance.”

Reply from author:

We have checked our manuscript and have corrected for typographical errors. The version of the manuscript being submitted is final.

We have addressed the comments made by the editor and are re-uploading for publication in BMC Medical Genetics.

Yours sincerely,

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