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Dear Editors:

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript.

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript entitled Association between -1607 promoter polymorphism of matrix metalloproteinase-1 (MMP-1) and lumbar disc disease in southern Chinese.

We have answered all questions and thank reviewers for their time and suggestion.

Regards

Ken Cheung

Reviewer 1:
>- Major Compulsory Revisions: ONE. THE AUTHORS MUST CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE "D" ALLELE AS THE 1G ALLELE IN THE ABSTRACT.

We have clarified D allele as the allele with guanine deletion in the abstract accordingly (page 3, lines 10 to 11).
>- Minor Essential Revisions


We have added the above study into our discussion. This study suggested plausible explanations to our unexpectedly novel finding (page 13, lines 16 to 20).

Reviewer 2:
Thank you.