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Title: Gene Expression in Lungs of Mice Lacking the 5-hydroxytryptamine Transporter Gene

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Dear Editors,

Please accept for consideration this study of the molecular effects of loss of the 5-hydroxytryptamine transporter (5HTT) gene in murine whole lung. This is the first publication of the in vivo molecular effects on a genomic scale of the gene that until recently was most closely associated with pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH). It is particularly interesting because from these studies it appears that the broad downstream consequences are similar to those that result from the familial PAH gene, BMPR2. These data thus ought to be of interest to other researchers in the field.

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Thank you for your consideration,

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