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Chuanyi Ning, PHD
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RE: Manuscript “Associations between human leukocyte antigen polymorphisms and hypersensitivity to antiretroviral therapy in patients with human immunodeficiency virus: a meta-analysis”.

Dear Prof. Chuanyi Ning, PHD:

“Associations between human leukocyte antigen polymorphisms and hypersensitivity to antiretroviral therapy in patients with human immunodeficiency virus: a meta-analysis”. We
would like to thank BMC Infectious Diseases for giving us the opportunity to revise manuscript. We have carefully taken the comments into consideration in preparing our revision, which has resulted in a paper that is more clear and compelling. The point-by-point responses are attached after this letter. The revisions were highlighted to the text in “YELLOW” background color, have been prepared.

The manuscript has not been published previously, in any language, in whole or in part, and is not currently under consideration elsewhere. None of the authors have any competing financial interest to report.

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in your esteemed journal.

Point-By-Point Response

Comments to the Author

Reviewer #1:

Comment: The authors have addressed the issues I proposed regarding to the methodology of the paper. A minor revision is required. The conclusion "The findings of this meta-analysis indicated numerous alleles of HLA polymorphisms could affect the risk of antiretroviral therapy-induced hypersensitivity in HIV-infected patients." is weak. Please rewrite the conclusion to show the significance of this study. Additionally, check for all the titles of supplementary tables to make sure they are completed, and check for references to ensure they are conform to the requirement of the journal.

Response: Thanks for this suggestion. We have rewritten the conclusion which was highlighted to the text in “YELLOW” background color. Moreover, we have checked for all the titles of supplementary tables and references, and we have already made these changes in the revised manuscript (the titles of supplementary table S1-S5, S7 and S8, References 16) and marked “YELLOW”.

Reviewer #3:

Comment: The manuscript is well revised according to the reviewer's comment.

Response: Thanks for your acknowledgment.