Author’s response to reviews

Title: c.620C>T mutation in GATA4 is associated with congenital heart disease in South India

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Re: Resubmission of revised manuscript entitled “c.620C>T mutation in GATA4 is associated with congenital heart disease in South India (MS: 1704347284141499)”.

Dear Dr. Sergi Castellvi-Bel:
Thanks for giving us an opportunity to revise and further improve our manuscript according to the reviewer’s suggestions. Here, we would like to resubmit our revised manuscript entitled “c.620C>T mutation in GATA4 is associated with congenital heart disease in South India (MS: 1704347284141499)” for publication in your esteemed journal “BMC Medical Genetics”.

According to the editor’s suggestions, we have revised the manuscript. You will find below details of our point-by-point responses to the reviewer’s comments.

We think the manuscript has been greatly improved after revisions and we hope that you will now find it suitable for publication in your esteemed journal “BMC Medical Genetics”. 

Sincerely yours,

Sanjay K Banerjee

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Point-by-point responses to the reviewer’s comments

I apologize if the request made to you previously regarding consent for publication was unclear. We have noted that informed consent was obtained from the parents of the patients and controls for involvement in the study for which you hold ethical approval.

What we require in addition is a statement explaining that you hold "Consent for publication of individual patient data" for all those individuals for whom data are included in the manuscript (i.e. all of those indicated in the family trees).

Thanks for the suggestion. We already have all the patient information and written consent obtained from the participants. We already wrote in the method part of the manuscript that “Informed written consent was obtained from the parents of CHD patients and the control subjects prior to the collection of blood sample.” Now we are also added a statement in the manuscript “In addition to this we also took consent for 'publication of individual patient data’ for all those individuals included in the manuscript (i.e.. all of those indicated in the family trees)”. All these documentations and consent will be available to the Editors on request.

We are also ensured that our revised manuscript prepared according to the journal style.