Title: Association between gene polymorphisms of voltage-dependent Ca2+ channels and hypertension in the Dai people of China: a case-control study

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Author’s response to reviews:

Dear editor Dr. Gunadi

On behalf of all the contributing authors, I would like to express our sincere appreciations of your suggestions concerning our article entitled “Association between gene polymorphisms of voltage-dependent Ca2+ channels and hypertension in the Dai people of China: a case-control study” (Manuscript No.: MGTC-D-19-00609R1). We have addressed the editor’s suggestions to best of our abilities, and revised text to meet the BMC Medical Genetics style requirements. We hope this meets your requirements for a publication.

Point-by-point responses to the nice associate editor are listed below this letter:

1. Please rename INTRODUCTION to Background, and MATERIAL AND METHODS to Methods within your main text.
Response: The “INTRODUCTION” was renamed to “Background”. (line 63, page 3)

We also renamed the “MATERIAL AND METHODS” to “Methods”. (line 99, page 4)
2. We note that you have included a ‘Consent for publication’ section in the Declarations. Consent for publication refers to consent for the publication of identifying images or other personal or clinical details of participants that compromise anonymity. Seeing as this is not applicable to your manuscript please state “Not Applicable” in this section.
Response: We apologize for our earlier lack of understanding. We have revised the statement. (line 371, page 13)

3. If consent to participate statements are already present within the main text/Methods section, please also copy/place it under the 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' sub-section.
Response: Statements present within the main text were copied and pasted in the 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' sub-section. (line 352, page 13)

4. In the section 'Ethics Approval and Consent to Participate', please state whether the informed consent obtained was written or verbal. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.
Response: Informed consent obtained was signed by all study subjects. (line 352, page 13)

5. In the section 'Funding', please also describe the role of the funding body/bodies in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.
Response: The study was supported by National Natural Science Foundation of China No. 31571304 and Yunnan Basic Research Program Key Project No. 2018FA010. None of the funding that we had received plays role in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript. (line 359, page 13)

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Response: We appreciate your patience and help. We have uploaded a clean version.

According to the editor’s suggestions, we have revised the manuscript extensively. If there are any other modifications we could make, we would like very much to modify them and we really appreciate your help. We hope that our manuscript could be considered for publication in your journal. Once again, thank you very much for your suggestions

Yours sincerely,

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