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Title: Peripheral blood gene expression signatures which reflect smoking and aspirin exposure are associated with cardiovascular events

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Dear Dr. Sharp,

Thank you for the opportunity to resubmit our manuscript MGNM-D-17-00146R1, “Peripheral blood gene expression signatures which reflect smoking and aspirin exposure are associated with cardiovascular events”. We have addressed the remaining requests shown below, please let us know if any additional edits are necessary.

Best Regards,

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