

Dear Editors and reviewers,

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewer's comments concerning our manuscript entitled "The Rs3746444 T>C locus in miR-499 increases susceptibility to hepatocellular carcinoma: a meta-analysis involving 14,812 subjects" (NO.: 80537). The statistical analysis was conducted by W. Tang, a senior meta-statistical analyst. He has published several meta-analysis papers. The following is his Meta-article PMID published in the past two years: 32010931/33347388/33895482/33289522/33564688/31774112/34596578/33319237/31692368. I would be grateful if you could let me know whether there has been any further progress on my submission.

Best regards,

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