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Dear Prof. Lian-Sheng Ma,

Following your kind invitation, we kindly ask you to consider our manuscript entitled **“PTPN22 and islet-specific autoimmunity: What have the mouse models taught us?”** for publication as *Minireview*.

In this brief review we summarize and discuss the role of PTPN22, the strongest non-HLA genetic risk factor for the development of type 1 diabetes (T1D), in islet-specific autoimmunity. We primarily focus on genetically-manipulated mouse models that have directly or indirectly addressed the role of PTPN22 in the pathogenesis of T1D. We have tried to remain “simple”, despite the complexity of the results obtained so far. We have also addressed the potential of using PTPN22 as a therapeutic target to prevent the disease. Hopefully you will find our article of interest.

All authors affirm that no similar paper has been or will be submitted elsewhere. Furthermore, all the authors declare to have no conflicting financial interests.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, we are looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely and with warmest regards,

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