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Dear Editor,

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Title: High density lipoprotein and cardiovascular diseases

Author: Filippatos TD, Elisaf MS

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Cardiology*

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers (ALL changes are highlighted with yellow color in the manuscript):

Editor comments

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We added a summary of less than 100 words that outlines the most important contents in our paper.

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We added a title for our text.

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The references are now formatted appropriately.

We also added some comments regarding the results of HPS2-THRIVE trial which were recently announced (page 2 of the text) and we deleted the corresponding information from the end of our manuscript (page 3 of the text).

Reviewer 1 comments

Dres. Filippatos and Elisaf did a good review of current literature with respect to the role of HDL and LDL on cardiovascular disease and their comment on the recently publishes paper by Voight *et al.* Plasma HDL cholesterol and risk of myocardial infarction: a mendelian randomisation study in Lancet (2012) is valuable and should be published in World Journal of cardiology.

I have no comments on the manuscript. It is well written and investigated.

We thank the reviewer for his kind comments.

Reviewer 2 comments

The topic is of interest for WJC readers. Based on data by the recent article of Voight et al, the present comment reports innovative and interesting point of view, with appropriate discussion of available evidence. For these reasons it is worth for publishing.

We thank the reviewer for his kind comments.

Reviewer 3 comments

The authors provide a rather interesting commentary to the paper pf Voight et al. It would be for the benefits of the readers, if the authors could include section Conclusion, and state major points of the relationship between HDL-C and CVD risk.

We added a conclusion in the end of our manuscript showing the main facts analyzed in the text. Furthermore, according to the editor's comments we added a core tip section presenting the most important contents in our paper.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Cardiology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Elisaf', is written over a long, thin, horizontal oval line.

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