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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript in Word format (file name: WJBC_ms_16986.docx) submitted as an invited Editorial.

Title: “Topographic patterns of vascular disease –HOX proteins as determining factors?”

Authors: Richard P. Visconti, Alexander Awgulewitsch

Name of Journal: World Journal of Biological Chemistry

ESPS Manuscript NO: 16986

The manuscript has been revised by following editorial guidelines (Writing Requirements Of Editorial) and by responding to comments from reviewers. All changes have been highlighted in blue type face.

(1) The format has been updated by:

- including a running title;
- extending the Abstract to the stipulated 200 words minimum;
- including six key words;
- including a Core TIP;
- including a No Conflict of Interest Statement;
- including complete addresses for correspondence;
- including a statement about Sources of Funding.

(2) Reviewer 00506390:

comment, page 1: please provide a reference for the statement “CVDs are the leading cause of death world-wide”.

Response: this has been addressed by changing the text and by providing a hyperlink to the WHO epidemiological data as a reference as follows:

According to epidemiological data from the World Health Organization (WHO), diseases of the circulatory system, collectively known as cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are the leading cause of death world-wide (<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs317/en>),

(3) References have been updated by including PMID and/or DOI numbers.

(4) The cartoon figure has been submitted as a separate file (WJCB_ms_16986_FIG_1.jpg).

We hope that with these revisions the manuscript will now be acceptable for publication in the World Journal of Biological Chemistry. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Awgulewitsch', with a stylized, flowing script.

Alexander Awgulewitsch, Ph.D.