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**RE: TOPMed manuscript M6573 : Method paper for Robust HWE**

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**Nicholas L. Smith** <nlsmith@uw.edu>  
To: Alan Kwong <amkwong@umich.edu>

Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 2:27 PM

Alan:

CHS did sign off on the manuscript. Thanks for checking-in and sorry I was not proactive.

Good luck with the submission!

Nick

Nicholas L. Smith, PhD

Professor, Department of Epidemiology, University of Washington

Director, Seattle Epidemiologic Research and Information Center, VA Cooperative Studies Program

**From:** Alan Kwong <amkwong@umich.edu>**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 11:21 AM**To:** Nicholas L. Smith <nlsmith@uw.edu>**Subject:** Re: TOPMed manuscript M6573 : Method paper for Robust HWE

Dear Dr. Smith,

I just want to do a quick check in with you with regard to the CHS P&P. Will we receive a formal approval from the committee, or are we now permitted to submit the manuscript to TOPMed since two weeks have passed since the submission to the CHS P&P site?

Thank you for your help,

-Alan

On Thu, May 7, 2020 at 7:01 PM Alan Kwong &lt;amkwong@umich.edu&gt; wrote:

Hi Dr. Smith,

This will work fine with our timelines. Thank you for your help!

-Alan

On Thu, May 7, 2020 at 6:59 PM Nicholas L. Smith <nlsmith@uw.edu> wrote:

Alan:

No, I need to upload the penultimate version of the manuscript to the CHS P&P site. I should be able to do this this weekend. The turn-around time is 2 weeks, at which point the manuscript can be submitted.

Will this work for your timelines?

Thanks.

Nick

Nicholas L. Smith, PhD

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**From:** Alan Kwong <amkwong@umich.edu>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 12:20 PM

**To:** Nicholas L. Smith <nlsmith@uw.edu>

**Subject:** Fwd: TOPMed manuscript M6573 : Method paper for Robust HWE

Dear Dr. Smith,

We are currently in the process of submitting our manuscript to TOPMed for review, and we are required to obtain study-specific approval from all participating studies. For CHS, the official documents tell us to contact our co-author to obtain approval. Is there anything we can do to help obtain study-specific approval from CHS for our manuscript?

Thank you for your help,

-Alan

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**From:** Hyun Min Kang <hmkang@umich.edu>

**Date:** Thu, May 7, 2020 at 11:45 AM

**Subject:** Re: TOPMed manuscript M6573 : Method paper for Robust HWE

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Cc: Alan Kwong <[amkwong@umich.edu](mailto:amkwong@umich.edu)>

Dear Co-authors,

Thanks for your feedback on the TOPMed manuscript M6573, entitled 'Robust, flexible, and scalable tests for Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium across diverse ancestries'. We tried our best to address the comments and to add important details required for P&P committees for individual working groups. We plan to submit the manuscript to DCC as soon as possible, so we will very much appreciate it if you send any additional feedback that can be addressed within the next 48 business hours.

Here are some highlights of the changes made on the manuscript:

- \* The length of manuscript has been reduced substantially but clarified more details when needed. Some errors were also corrected.
- \* We now have a complete list of co-authors in the paper. Please let me know if there are still errors or missing names.
- \* We added acknowledgements of individual studies, similar to the TOPMed flagship paper as a Supplementary Material. We understand that this may be required for P&P committee review, so please let us know if there are any important details missing.

And many thanks for providing detailed comments and requests on the manuscript, and apologies for my silence. However, I believe that we addressed most of the comments, I will respond individually how the comments are incorporated.

Thanks,

Hyun.

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On Tue, Apr 14, 2020 at 1:29 PM Hyun Min Kang <[hmkang@umich.edu](mailto:hmkang@umich.edu)> wrote:

Dear Co-authors,

Attached please find a draft of the TOPMed manuscript M6573, entitled 'Robust, flexible, and scalable tests for Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium across diverse ancestries'. The manuscript is separated into three pieces, (1) main text with references, (2) figures and tables, and (3) supplementary material for your convenience.

We will appreciate it very much if you could review these documents at your convenience and give any comments or suggested revisions (preferably with track changes). In addition, please check the spelling of your name, your institutional affiliation(s). If you want to add study-specific acknowledgements, please let us know. We would like to submit this to the TOPMed DCC in two weeks, April 28th, 2020.

We are considering submission of this manuscript to *Genetics* upon TOPMed approval, but please feel free to give us any suggestions regarding recommended journals.

We included co-authors whom we received responses from our earlier emails in alphabetical order in the middle before the TOPMed banner. We included the study names for those studies we need nomination from co-authors. For the studies whose co-authors are not yet nominated, please let us know the names as soon as possible. Alan Kwong (cc'ed) will follow up with PIs of individual studies regarding this.

We wanted to include as many authors as we can, but given the nature that this is a method paper, we were concerned that the number of authors that the journal expects is somewhat limited. As a result, we set up the following policy in the number of co-authors representing the contributing study in the following ways:

(1) We grouped each study by PIs, and assigned 1-2 co-authors for each group (unless the studies need to nominate different co-authors from each study).

(2) If the study contains fewer than 2,000 contributing samples in total, we requested to nominate one co-author. If more than 2,000, we requested nomination of two co-authors. We understand this strategy is not ideal for everyone, but we had to make a choice as we still expect to have 40 or more authors in this manuscript.

We look forward to receiving feedback and submitting this paper soon. If you have any other questions or comments, please feel free to let me and Alan know.

Sincerely,

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