



**Ancillary Studies and Publications  
Committee**

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Date: 19JUL19

Dear Dr. Taub,

The Ancillary Studies and Publications Committee has reviewed your manuscript titled "Novel genetic determinants of telomere length from a multi-ethnic analysis of 75,000 whole genome sequences in TOPMed" which will report work supported in part by COPD Gene®.

The committee has no concerns with this manuscript and it has been approved.

Please be sure to cite the COPD Gene study appropriately in any publications. A document regarding that is attached.

It is required by the NHLBI that all publications resulting from NIH funding be available through PubMed Central. The NIH requires us to provide PMCID numbers for all publications resulting from the COPD Gene® grant when we send our annual reports to the NIH (due June 1<sup>st</sup> each year). Further, new NIH policy is that renewal grant funding will be held up until we provide a PMCID number for all publications resulting from the study.

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Sincerely,

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