



**MULTI-ETHNIC STUDY OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS
MEMORANDUM**

Date: March 15, 2021
To: Dr. Scott Vrieze and Dr. Jerry Rotter
From: MESA Genetics P&P Committee
Re: MESA Genetics Manuscript G 802: Genetic architecture of smoking: Evidence for rare variant contribution from deep whole-genome sequencing of up to 26,000 individuals

The MESA Genetics P&P Committee has reviewed and approved the penultimate draft of your manuscript referenced above. **With this approval memo you can now submit your manuscript to a journal.**

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