

Author's response to reviews

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Please see below the cover letter:

Dear Editor,

We are submitting the manuscript ζ Environment And Genetics in Lung cancer Etiology (EAGLE) study: a novel population-based integrative case-control study of lung cancer ζ for your consideration for online publication to BMC Public Health.

We describe a novel large case-control study of lung cancer and smoking - two conditions of unparalleled public health importance. The study (EAGLE) has a novel integrative design. We describe here details on design, population, infrastructure, database, biospecimen resource and early findings from EAGLE.

As a number of EAGLE-based reports will emerge over the next few months, we expect this manuscript will be widely cited. In particular, at the beginning of next year, results from a genome-wide association study of lung cancer and smoking within EAGLE will emerge and genotype and selected phenotype information will be made available to qualified investigators. Thus, it is crucial for us to be able to refer all interested investigators to find details on the EAGLE study on an open journal with rapid access.

In summary, we are confident this will be a highly informative and timely manuscript for BMC readership. Given the broad interest of the topics addressed by this manuscript, we would welcome a routing of the manuscript to BMC Medicine, should you feel it appropriate.

This manuscript is not under consideration by any other journal. All authors have read it and agreed with its content. The research reported in the manuscript has been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee and has been carried out in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration. Authors declare no conflict of interest.

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