Genetics and therapy of familial hypercholesterolemia

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Dear Dr. Roberts,

We do greatly appreciate the opportunity to modify our manuscript according to your instructions and adapt it into a seriously shortened and improved version.

We, however, would like to ask whether a full (but modified) manuscript might be given consideration by yourself.

We hope this is not too audacious but since the Heart Protection Study used 40 mg simvastatin versus 80 in our study and LDL reductions were only 27% versus 48% in our trial, we feel our data are novel and in fact a nice next step after the HPS results.

Ours is truly the first study in this regard, especially considering its follow-up of two years.

We look forward to your opinion in this regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Dr. de Sauvage Nolting:

Watson and Crick won a Nobel Prize with a Letter-to-the-editor. Your manuscript fits very nicely into the BRIEF REPORT format.

Sorry,

[Signature]

William C. Roberts, M.D.