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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Current manuscript applied computational approach to predict functional rSNPs in TFBS, focusing on several genes published earlier. Computational modeling and analysis for functional prediction is one of the approaches recently developed, particularly to address GWAS findings. It may expand the GWAS knowledge to potential functional identification of the SNPs. However, without experimental confirmation, the emphasis could only be limited to theoretical prediction. The author should be more elaborate in that regard, instead of using only one sentence at the end of the Discussion to briefly carry it over. For example, are there publications presented experimental results in support to computational predictions?



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This study is technically well performed and a very interesting result. The interpretation was also sound. There are some points that the authors may consider: Major comments 1) In Abstract, there is no conclusion. Please add the conclusion to end region of Abstract. 2) You should explain the precise meaning of "punitive" word for scientists of other fields in introduction section. 3) You should more explain how you can define unique TFBS. 4) If you are not using CHIP (TF-Chromatin binding site) assay or references, you should use letter, 'potential or putative TFBS' in content of manuscript as well as table. 5) You should explain what is unique TFBS is mean in introduction by using general examples, if this finding is important in your study. 6) Please explain the reason why this study performed with rSNPs within only nine genes. Minor comments In abstract, 1) The genome-wide association studies (GWAS) has ~ ?-> The genome-wide association studies (GWASs) have ~. 2) enhances ->? enhancers ? 3) TFBS?-> transcriptional factor binding site (TFBS) In Introduction, 1) The genome-wide association studies (GWAS) has ~ -> The genome-wide association



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