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CHANGES: changes suggested with comments in blue

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REVIEWER CHANGES (18/11/17): changes in red

Thank you for all the comments; they were pertinent and useful.

Reviewer 1:

1. Acronyms in abstract
2. We do not intend to distinguish the phenotypical presentation of celiac disease, only the HLA-DQ2 and -DQ8.
3. I have read the article you mention "Endothelial function and cardiovascular risk in active inflammatory bowel diseases", Principi M et al. J Crohns Colitis. 2013 Nov;7(10):e427-33, and I don't see how I can discuss it in the paper.

Reviewer 2:

4. Familiarity of the controls: there were no first and second degree relatives in the control group, but there was a pair of twins in the patient group.

Reviewer 3:

5. The objective is more clearly written.
6. Ethics Committee record n° included
7. Part of the first paragraph of the Results has been moved to Methods
8. We have not included clinical characteristics in this study, but we have continued and have observed many relationships between alleles that disappear when the Holm-Bonferroni correction is applied. Only one was significantly related to extensive colitis, and it was none of the celiac disease related alleles.

Reviewer 4:

9. Discussion has been shortened.

10. Disease location and behavior described.
11. Typos changed.

Signed:

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