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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9707-edited.doc).

Title: Seroprevalence of Celiac Disease among UAE Healthy Adult Nationals: A Gender Disparity

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 A section on the study area was added to the material and methods to describe Al Ain city and the role of Al Ain hospital as the only place at the time of sampling doing the pre-nuptial examination for Emiratis.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Three more references were added to the introduction emphasizing that the diagnosis of celiac disease is often carried for extra-intestinal manifestations.

(2) A paragraph was added to the discussion in the limitation section highlighting the lack of data on the diet of the sampled population; furthermore, a reference was added to document the transition of diet from the traditional to more consumption of fast food and snacks over the few last decades.

(3) The impact of our results on the health policy is emphasized that more emphasis should be towards diagnosing the disease in women especially those who suffer from chronic anemia.

(4) Unnecessary double spaces were removed.

(5) Table 3 was amended in order to be comprehensible.

3 References were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely

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