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Dear Dr. Cheng, Dr. Wen and Editors of World Journal of Gastroenterology,

Please find the enclosed updated and revised manuscript in .doc format, the file name is: **154-Revision012713.doc**

Title: **HLA DQ2/8 prevalence in non-celiac patients with gastrointestinal diseases**

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The manuscript has been corrected and improved according to new reviewer and editorial suggestions:

1. Comments from the editors in the original revision have been addressed
2. Revisions have been made via suggestions of the reviewer(s):
   1. We reanalyzed our results after splitting upper GI disease into upper functional/organic GI disease. Subjects with outcomes that were difficult to determine were excluded form the study in order to improve the quality of the data
   2. The discussion section, in particular those sections related to upper GI diseases, was rewritten in attempt to offer insightful commentary. Additional references were added when thought appropriate.
3. The discussion section was revised in order to keep it concise and straightforward as is seen with the rest of the paper

Thank you for spending the time reviewing and editing our revised manuscript,

Sincerely,

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