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Manuscript title: Clinical features of chronic enteropathy associated with *SLCO2A1* gene: a new entity clinically distinct from Crohn's disease

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Dear Sir and Madam:

Thank you very much for your favorable comments. We have attempted to address your questions and suggestions as follows.

Response to Reviewer #2 (00181023)

Comments

I have only one comment: The title “Genetic analysis is inevitable for diagnosis of small bowel disorders” is inappropriate as it is “pushing the edge” by far too far. Of course, the vast majority of small bowel disorders, such as HP-related duodenal bulb ulceration and even celiac disease can be diagnosed without genetic analysis. Thus, please rephrase the title. I would suggest something like “Genetic analysis provides deep insight into the differential diagnosis of chronic small bowel ulceration” or if you want “Genetic analysis allows accurate classification of chronic small bowel ulceration”.

Response:

Thank you for your kind comment. We agree with you and have revised the title as “Genetic analysis is helpful for diagnosis of small bowel ulceration”.