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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The meta-analysis by Dai et al showed that the G allele of APE1 Asp148Glu polymorphism was associated with higher gastrointestinal tract cancer risk. Major comments: 1) The histological type of cancers should be provided in each eligible publication if it is available. Pool of different cancer types may bias the results 2) Sensitivity analysis is missing and should be performed 3) The authors should also mentioned other risk factors contributing to cancer incidence since as authors also noticed that GI cancers are caused by complex interactions between genetic and environmental factors.