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This is a good and important investigation in Chagas disease.

-In the discussion the authors could mention other relevant works related to HLA antigens in Chagas cardiomyopathy Vg: Llope E, Rothhammer F, Acuña M, Apt W. 1988. HLA antigens in cardiomyopathic chilean chagasics. Am J Hum Genet 43:770-773 and from the same authors in 1991 in Rev Med Chile 119:663-636. This are pioneering works in relation to the susceptibility of human hosts to T.cruzi, considering HLA antigens and some genes.

The above should considered as a discretionary revision.

Minor correction: the last sentence of study population for polymorphism analysis, of 315 patients with CCC, 106.......................could be eliminated because it is a repetition. (The same is mentioned in the previous paragraph)

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interest and agree that my name could be published with the article.