Reviewer's report

Title: The association of HLA-DQB1, -DQA1 and -DPB1 alleles with anti-GBM disease in Chinese patients

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
1) To evaluate the age distribution, was used the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. The number of patients analyzed is n=44 and the Shapiro-Wilk test is a better test for a small sample size. The Authors should apply the Shapiro-Wilk test. The age at diagnosis was expressed as median and 1st and 3rd quartile, but the age should be log10 transformed to normalize its distribution.

Minor Essential Revisions:
1) In the Material and Methods section were listed the parameters that define the anti-GBM disease, a reference should be added and “etc” should be eliminated.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.