Reviewer's report

Title: HLA class II allele polymorphism may influence susceptibility to adult dermatomyositis and polymyositis in a Han Chinese population

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Reviewer: Ingrid Lundberg

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Dear Miss Clare Partridge,

Thank you for letting me review the revised Manuscript MS: 5004924211134573 'HLA class II allele polymorphism may influence susceptibility to adult dermatomyositis and polymyositis in a Han Chinese population' by authors Xiang Gao et al.

I agree that the authors have taken some of my comments into account and improved the manuscript. The low number of patients and controls remains a limitation, but if you and the other reviewer are ok with this manuscript, than I will not object this decision.

But the language needs some revision.

Best regards
Ingrid Lundberg

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests'