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Title: Autoantibodies against MHC class I polypeptide-related sequence A are associated with increased risk of concomitant autoimmune diseases in coeliac patients

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Dear Dr Barnard,

Please find enclosed the revised version of the manuscript entitled “Autoantibodies against MHC class I polypeptide-related sequence A are associated with increased risk of concomitant autoimmune diseases in coeliac patients” which we wish to submit for publication in *BMC Medicine*.

First, we have changed the first phrase in CONCLUSIONS section in accordance with the suggestion of Dr. Marietta.

We have made other changes in accordance with your indications, which are summarized as follows:

- Author list and Authors’ contributions: Marcos Lopez-Hoyos has been included in the authors’ contributions list. He was the main contributor of samples from patients with autoimmune diseases. This section and competing interests one were moved to the end of manuscript.
- The names of the different ethics committees have been added to the first section of METHODS.
- An “Acknowledgements” section with Grants used in study was also added.
- A reference to Table 5 was added in the main text before referents to tables 5a and 5b.
- In order to emphasise the potential medical implications of our study, as you suggest, we have added several phrases in the DISCUSSION and in CONCLUSIONS sections. These were remarked in bold. Moreover, we have added a “LIMITATIONS” section as you indicate.

We hope that the new version of the manuscript meets the requirements of *BMC Medicine*.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

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