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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16155-review.doc).



**Title:** Surgery in (pre-) malignant celiac disease.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 JW: *Format has been updated. Abstract has been revised according to comment in manuscript.*

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

Reviewed by 02468626

This is an original and innovative approach to a very specific clinical condition. Albeit the condition is rare, I think that these results can serve as a guide for clinicians who deal with such patients. I have some minor remarks. 1) Abstract, background: I would use the term (pre)malignant "conditions" (and not "complications"). Please use the same term consistently throughout the article and possibly also in the title. 2) Introduction, 2nd paragraph: "preceded" instead of "proceeded" 3) Methods, 2nd paragraph: "lesions" instead of "laesions" 4) Methods, 3rd paragraph: "perioperatively" instead of "perioperative" 5) Methods, 3rd paragraph: "complete debulking" is inappropriate as debulking refers to surgical reduction of tumor volume; please use "debulking" only to refer to partial resection.

*JW: according to these 5 remarks changes have been made to the manuscript.*

Reviewed by 01425517

This is an interesting paper dealing with a rare complication in a common disease. The paper is well written. The paper focus on treatment of pre malignant celiac disease and the authrs report that both elective and non elective surgry has high rate of complications and local debulking is the preferred approach. In my opinion the paper is more suitable to a surjical jurnal because most and the main findings are related to surgery methods and outcome. Should the paper be revised to more GI orientation it can be accepted to this jurnal.

*JW: the reviewer states that the main findings in this paper are related to surgery. We do confirm this. However, we believe that it is important to publish this paper in a gastroenterology orientated journal as patients with refractory celiac disease who develop ulcerative jejunitis (UJ) or enteropathy associated T-cell lymphoma (EATL) and are/become candidates for surgery are primarily patients at the gastroenterology outpatient clinic. With publishing this paper in a gastroenterology orientated journal we want to create more awareness amongst gastroenterologists for this disease and the importance for early diagnosis and treatment of UJ and EATL.*

3. JW: *References were corrected*

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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