

Dear Editor,

Next, a point-to point answer to the reviewer comments is detailed:

(Reviewer) This manuscript would be benefited if revised by a native English speaker.

The manuscript has been revised by ASK scientific.

(Reviewer) The authors refer to richness of intestinal microbiota as one of age-related differences both in celiac and non-celiac individuals. It would be very important to also mention the relevance of microbiota stability, which also changes with age.

We agree with the reviewer comment. This point has been mentioned in the manuscript.

(Reviewer) The authors claim that the main cause of the lack of mucosal recovery in adults could be the continuous and inadvertent ingestion of small gluten amounts, however it is not clear why this would not affect children as well- please explain.

We have explained now this point in the manuscript, and also the paragraph has been revised by ASK scientific and now it is clear.

(Reviewer) The Conclusions section only refer to table 3 and seems underused by repeating the objective of the paper.

The conclusions sections has been completely modified in the manuscript.

(Reviewer Minor changes):

1. In the abstract and somewhere else it reads “reveal” where it should read “revealed”

Changed in the manuscript.

2. Citation numbers should be placed after each sentence but before a period.

Corrected

3. Please check for adequate spacing between words, parentheses, etc.

These has been corrected and modified also by the ASK scientific for a better english language.

4. Page 3, second paragraph: "...percentages of affected individuals may be of over 15%" should read "...affected individuals may exceed 15%"

Changed according to the reviewer

5. Page 3, third paragraph: "...is frequent in children at diagnosis" should read "...is frequent in children at time of diagnosis"

Changed.

6. Page 3, fourth paragraph: Age classification in Table 1 is self-explanatory. There is no need to indicate in the text: "...It has been divided into three groups, two of them in infancy (Breastfed infants and children >2 years) and the adult group."

Changed

7. Page 4, third paragraph: "...an underlying CD must always be discarded" should read "...an underlying CD must always be ruled out"

Changed

The editor comments in the manuscript has been also completed.