



**In Attn to:**

**Dr Subrata Ghosh**

**Dr. Andrzej S. Tarnawski**

**Editor in chief**

**World Journal of Gastroenterology**

**Re: Manuscript #: 61223**

**“Risk perception and knowledge of COVID-19 in patients with celiac disease”**

January 7<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Dr. Ghosh and Tarnawski:

We would like to thank the reviewers’ and editors’ for their valuable comments on our manuscript. We have revised the manuscript in accordance with the suggestions from reviewers and editors. Please find attached our revised manuscript with all changes highlighted. We have also outlined at the end of this document point-by-point responses to each specific comment raised by the reviewers and editors.

We hope you consider the comments were adequately address and this improved version is suitable for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Thank you very much for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from your decision.

Sincerely,

M.Ines Pinto-Sanchez and Jamie Zhen on behalf of all co-authors.



## **Point-by-point responses**

We would like to thank the reviewers and editors for their helpful comments and suggestions which has considerably improved the quality of the manuscript.

### **Reviewer #1:**

**Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)**

**Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)**

**Conclusion: Minor revision**

**Specific Comments to Authors: This international survey was to investigate risk perceptions of contracting COVID-19 in patients with CeD and determine the factors that may influence their perception. Totally, this manuscript was very interesting, well-written and well-discussed. Several minor issues remained, which was showed below :**

#### **1. Language should be improved**

Response: We would like to thank the reviewer for this comment. We have corrected some grammatical errors throughout the manuscript as suggested by the reviewer.

#### **2. The format of table should be revised and unified**

Response: Thank you for this suggestion. We have unified the format of all tables, and unified the font Arial 12.

#### **3. The graph (draw by graphpad?) could be typesetted.”**

Response: Thank you for this comment. The format of the graph has been corrected to ensure readability and prevent any errors while exporting.



**Reviewer #3:**

**Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)**

**Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)**

**Conclusion: Accept (General priority)**

**Specific Comments to Authors: The present study focused on risk perceptions of contracting COVID-19 with CeD and tried to make clear the factors that may influence their perception. The study included 10,737 participants to complete the survey. The research ideas are innovative, and the research results can support the research conclusions. 1. The conclusion in the abstract is not concise enough and should be further condensed.**

Response: Thank you very much for this comment and the positive feedback. We have condensed the conclusion accordingly.

**2. Table 2 is better in the form of pictures, such as pie chart.**

Response: Thank you for this suggestion. As suggested by the reviewer we have replaced the table 2 by a bar graph to improve the readability of the data.

**Science Editor:**

**Comment:**

**The “Author Contributions” section is missing. Please provide the author contributions**

Response: We apologize for that and thank you for bringing this to our attention. We have added an author contributions section (page 2).

**The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s)**

Response: Thank you for this comment. There was no grant/funding agency supporting this study.



**The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor**

Response: We have prepared the figures using PowerPoint and attached it to the resubmission to allow for reprocessing.

**PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout**

Response: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We have added all author names, PubMed IDs, and DOI citations to the reference list.

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Response: We have added an Article Highlights section at the end of the manuscript. Thank you for all valuable comments.