

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 1397-review.doc).

Title: Seroprevalence of celiac disease among healthy adolescents in Saudi Arabia

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We would like to thank the editor and the reviewers for the efforts in commenting on our manuscript and considering it for publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the editor and reviewers:

Editor suggestions and implementations:

1. Article Format:
>> **We've incorporated the format for brief articles provided by the editor.**
2. Language Editing:
>> **The editors at American Journal Experts have edited the manuscript for proper English language, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and overall style. The certificate obtained is also attached.**
3. References:
>> **Our article includes 29 references that are properly formatted.**
4. Title:
>> **Title is less than 12 words.**
5. Running Title:
>> **A running title of 6 words is provided.**
6. Authorship:
>> **Author contributions have been described in detail at the beginning of the manuscript.**
7. Structured Abstract:
>> **The abstract is written according to the provided guidelines. RESULTS were extended to 98 words and CONCLUSION was shortened down to 24 words.**
8. Keywords:
>> **Six keywords have been added.**
9. Core tips:
>> **A summary of 105 words is provided with the manuscript.**
10. Units:
>> **The units have been incorporated according to the standard provided on journal website.**
11. Statistical data:
>> **All the mean values are preceded by standard deviation.**
12. Statistical significance:
>> **Statistical significance is marked as $P<0.05$. It is provided in the statistical**

analysis subsection.

13. All inconsistent terms were corrected

14. Figures:

>> There are no figures in the manuscript.

15. Tables:

>> Tables are formatted with appropriate captions and are provided at the end of the article.

16. Reference format and style:

>> The reference format and style as formatted as suggested by the Revision policies guidelines. PMID and DOI are included in the references.

17. Copyright form:

>> Copyright form dually signed and verified by the authors is provided with the manuscript.

18. Highlights:

>> A section of highlights is added at the end of the article as suggested by the policy.

Reviewer suggestions and implementation:

Answer for reviewer's 1 and 2:

We thank the reviewer for their valuable comments that certainly added to the value of our article.

1. The reviewers have correctly pointed out that the article does not provide any idea about the number of patients with celiac disease; rather it only gives the sero-prevalance of the disease. We agree with the reviewer in this regard, the aim of the article is in fact is to study the sero-prevalence of celiac disease and we do not know the phenotypic characteristics of these individuals. Given the high specificity of these serological markers we would postulate that the true prevalence would be approximate to the sero-prevalence, however this is an assumption that would require further validation in a separate study. We have, however, provided the exact number of patients and their respective percentages within the articles.
2. The reviewer suggested applying power analysis and adding the results. Power analysis has been added and the following sentence "Based on a general prevalence of 1% in various populations and an estimated prevalence of 3% in the Saudi population, we determined the sample size at *P-value* (alpha) = 0.05 and power = 0.70 and a standard deviation of 0.25, the estimated sample size would be 965 individuals". This has been incorporated in the statistical analysis segment.
3. The reviewer asked to check the reference and their typesetting. We've incorporated the suggestions and now the references are left indented and in correct format.

We thank you again for giving us the opportunity to write for the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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