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April 30th, 2015,

Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16252-Review.doc).

Title: Coeliac Disease in Children in Christchurch, New Zealand: Presentation and patterns from 2000-2010

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We thank you for your recent email dated April 30th, 2015, along with the comments from the two reviewers. We thank the reviewers for their very helpful comments, and wish to comment on these in a point by point fashion. We have incorporated these suggestions into a revised manuscript (labelled **R1**) as attached. Changes have been placed in red text.

Specific Responses to Comments from Reviewer 1

We thank the Reviewer for their positive comments.

Specific Responses to Comments from Reviewer 2

Comment 1: We have no doubt that all children have a definitive diagnosis of coeliac disease. We agree that there are now more diagnoses made following screening activities. However, these remain a small proportion overall.

Comment 2: We have added a section to include asymptomatic children in the retitled Table 1, as suggested.

Comment 3: We have reorganised the presentation of nutritional findings as suggested (New Table 2)

Comment 4: Table 1 has been removed and replaced with Figure 1 as suggested

Comment 5: The details of HLA testing have been reduced as suggested

Comment 6: The Table detailing symptom patterns has been rearranged as suggested.

We look forward to your assessment of this revised manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew S Day

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