

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Author:** Adeline Kho, Martin Whitehead, Andrew Day

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Clinical Pediatrics*

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We thank you for your recent email dated April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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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