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Dear

Thomas Ma, MD, PhD, Professor

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Editors-in-Chief

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Thank you for your invitation (ID: 00503442) to contribute to the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology* with the submission of a Review Article entitled "Celiac disease: from pathophysiology to treatment" by Ilaria Parzanese, Dorina Qehajaj, Federica Patrinicola, Merica Aralica, Maurizio Chiriva-Internati, Sanja Stifter, Luca Elli, and Fabio Grizzi, which we would like to submit for publication as an Invited Review Article. As one of the historical Editors, Authors, co-Authors and Reviewers since the first numbers for the Baishideng Publishing Group Inc., I am really honored to publish the present manuscript in your prestigious *Journal*.

The paper has been revised according to your guidelines. We are grateful to the Reviewers for their comments aimed at improve the quality of the manuscript. In particular:

**Reviewer 1**

I am pleased to inform you that the manuscript by Fabio Grizzi et al. entitled "CELIAC DISEASE: FROM PATHOPHYSIOLOGY TO TREATMENT" is suitable for publication in its current form.

**R.** All of the Authors are really grateful for this extremely positive comment.

**Reviewer 2**

The authors provide a thorough and interesting review of current knowledge of a number of areas in celiac disease including the epidemiology, contributing factors, diagnostic tests, clinical features, complications and treatment of celiac disease. The content of this article is relevant and it provides a useful overview.

**R.** All of the Authors are grateful for this positive comment.

There are a few suggestions relating to the layout and wording used in the manuscript: Layout – a number of sections seem long in the manuscript and would benefit from the use of further sub headings. Divide serology into TTG, AGA, DGP with separate headings.

**R.** We thank the Reviewer for her/his suggestion. Accordingly we have modified the layout of the text.

Subdivide treatment into dietary and pharmacological therapy. Immune therapy should be divided into specific targets as subheadings. It may make the treatment section easier to understand if a diagram of the potential targets or a summary table is provided. The part on refractory celiac disease should be made its own heading rather than being in the diet section.

**R.** We thank the Reviewer for her/his suggestion. Accordingly we have modified the layout of the text.

There are a number of grammatical errors and use of incorrect wording in this manuscript. Some of these errors cause ambiguity in the message the authors are trying to convey. For example, the core tip says “celiac disease is a growing chronic inflammatory disorder of the small intestine” – it is unclear what is meant by the term “growing” here – is it that it is increasingly recognised? Also in the introduction there is a sentence saying “celiac disease shows proper features in comparison to others autoimmune disorders” – the use of the term “proper features” needs to either be defined or the wording of this sentence needs to be changed.

**R.** We thank the Reviewer for her/his suggestion. Accordingly, Native English speakers have revised the text. Orthographical and grammatical errors have been amended.

Additionally, we have added further seminal references. Furthermore, because of a previous inadvertent error two co-Authors expert in this field (Drs. Ilaria Parzanese and Luca Elli) were erroneously omitted from the previous version. I am really sorry. They have contributed in the realization of the entire manuscript and successive revisions. Their names and affiliation that do not appeared in the first version of the manuscript have been correctly added in this revised version.

We hereby inform you that the manuscript has not been submitted to any other scientific Journal. All of the authors have read and approved the manuscript.

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We hope you will now find the manuscript of sufficient merit and interest to warrant its publication in your Journal.

Please for any other information do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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