

POINT-BY-POINT REPLY TO THE REVIEWERS AND TO THE EDITORIAL OFFICE

Reviewer #1

Specific Comments to Authors: Thank you for the very well written editorial paper which deals with the epidemiology of celiac disease. You emphasized the problems connected with the disease in Asia in order to improve awareness of the disease. So, it could be prevented the burden of complications connected with the unrecognized disease. Two typographical errors: In the chapter China (13) Very Recently In the chapter Japan (study period:2014-1016)

- We thank the reviewer you for appreciating our manuscript. These typographical errors were corrected; moreover, all the manuscript was revised to fix some additional minor grammar inconsistencies.

Reviewer #2

Specific Comments to Authors: This is a well-written paper summaries the main epidemiological aspects of Celiac Disease in Asia, outside the Indian subcontinent and Middle East countries. I have only minor suggestions. Please refer that recent study show that IgA tTG titres of $\geq 10 \times \text{ULN}$ have a strong predictive value at identifying adults with intestinal changes diagnostic of CD. This study supports the use of a no-biopsy approach for the diagnosis of adult CD. It may be useful in countries without standardized diagnostic and endoscopic protocols Gut. 2020 Nov 2;gutjnl-2020-320913. doi: 10.1136/gutjnl-2020-320913. Please also cite the paper regarding prevalence of Celiac disease in Turkey. Turk J Gastroenterol. 2018 Sep;29(5):595-600. doi: 10.5152/tjg.2018.18020.

- We thank the reviewer you for appreciating our manuscript. The suggestions coming from the reviewer were accepted and integrated in the revised manuscript.

Science Editor

Issues raised: (1) I found 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); (2) the author should number the references in Arabic numerals according to the citation order in the text. The reference numbers will be superscripted in square brackets at the end of the sentence with the citation content or after the cited author's name, with no spaces; and (3) Authors should not cite their own unrelated published articles. Please check and remove any references not relevant to this study.

- (1) We uploaded the approved grant application form; (2) The references numbers have been corrected, as per Journal policy; (3) We revised all the references, and all resulted to be cited appropriately.

Company editor-in-chief

Before final acceptance, the author(s) must add a table/figure to the manuscript.

- A figure (Figure 1) has been added to this manuscript, in order to summarize schematically our current experience in Kazakhstan and, more in general, in Central Asia.