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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the present paper, entitled "Thiol/disulphide homeostasis in celiac disease", Kaplan et al measured thiol/disulphide homeostasis, an indirect evaluation for oxidative stress, in patients with celiac disease. Main comments: A minor linguistic revision is necessary. It is unclear whether enrolled celiac patients were first diagnosed (i.e. during gluten containing diet) or received a gluten free diet (GFD). Despite the results refer to a response to GFD, thus explicating that some patients had GFD, and moreover in Table 2 a comparison GFD vs GCD is present, this detail should be clearly stated in the "Methods" section. Anyway, it would have been interesting to evaluate thiol/disulphide homeostasis before and after GFD. Indeed, GFD could bring positive effects on oxidative damage. The definition of poor compliance to diet is cloudy. Did the patients have positive anti-transglutaminase antibody despite GFD? In table 3, Authors found a direct correlation between age and thiols. This is a strange finding, since one may expect that the process of aging could increase oxidative damage. A correlation between thiol/disulphides and severity of villous atrophy (Marsh classification) is lacking. Indeed, it is possible that the higher the severity of mucosal lesions, the higher the inflammation (see Ierardi E et al, Saudi J Gastroenterol 2015), and the higher the oxidative



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stress. In conclusion, although the results are interesting, there are several bias and inaccuracies that must be clarified by the Authors.

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The manuscript presents an interesting study that evaluates the dynamic thiol/disulphide homeostasis in celiac patients. The study involves 73 patients with celiac disease and 73 healthy volunteers. The results show that there is a negative correlation between celiac autoantibodies, and native thiol, total thiol levels and native thiol/total thiol ratio, while a positive correlation is suggested between disulphide, disulphide/native thiol and disulphide/total thiol levels. In conclusion this study proposes that the patients with celiac disease the dynamic thiol/disulphide balance shifts through disulphide form compared to the healthy individuals. Minor revisions required: ? Minor language polishing and mistapeing : in the introductio and statistical analysis. ? The same group recently published thiol/disulphide balance shifts in IBD, would be interesting to compare in the text the different pathologies ? If available would be interesting to add the levels of Vit D in these 146 individuals; there are data about the impact of this vitamin on the thiol and disulphide levels. ? Please add for how long the celiac patients were in GFD (or at least indicate the minimal time) and if they show any persistance of mucosal inflammation