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# Microbial Contribution to Celiac and Non-Celiac Small Bowel Enteropathies

### Message from the Guest Editors

The worldwide prevalence of celiac disease (CD) is 0,7-1,4%. CD is associated with intestinal barrier disturbances followed by diverse symptoms and adverse events. Numerous conditions contribute to gut barrier failure and generation of symptoms mimicking CD. Usually, diagnosing CD in symptomatic children is done without clinical delay. However, both CD diagnosis as well as differential diagnosis of gluten and non-gluten related enteropathies in adults are way more complex. Recent evidence points towards small bowel (SB) microbiota alterations contributing to the pathogenesis of CD and non-CD small bowel enteropathies.

Investigation into this field is important as the current choice of treatment includes variety of complex and sometimes contrasting strategies.

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