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Etiology, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Coeliac Diseases

Message from the Guest Editor

Coeliac disease, which involves gluten sensitivity, is a common condition affecting 1-2% of the population, including children. It is known to be an inherited disease that is associated with both the HLA-DQ2 and DQ8 haplotypes.

This condition can be screened for using blood tests. In adults, diagnosis is carried out by taking small intestinal biopsies and observing whether they exhibit villous atrophy and a reduction in enterocyte cell height. In children, a diagnosis can be made when coeliac serological tests show results more than ten times the normal value; it has been suggested that this may also be applicable to adults, but this is not generally accepted. It has been shown that there is an increased level of malignancy if the condition remains untreated. Cereals involved in the exacerbation of the condition include wheat, rye, barley, and, in the majority of cases, oats. It has been suggested that there could be improvements in dietary treatments for this condition.

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