CELIAC DISEASE

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DEFINITIONS

- small intestinal <u>malabsorption</u> of nutrients after the ingestion of wheat <u>gluten</u> or related proteins from rye and barley
- villous atrophy of the small intestinal mucosa
- prompt <u>clinical and histologic improvement</u> following strict adherence to a gluten-free diet
- clinical and histologic relapse when gluten is reintroduced

History of Celiac Disease

- Described by Dr. Samuel Gee in a 1888 report entitled "On the Coeliac Affection" – anemia, cachexia, diarrhea and developmen delay in children. (Term "coeliac" derived from Greek word koiliakaos – abdominal)
 - Similar description of a chronic, malabsorptive disorder by Aretaeus from Cappadochia (now Turkey) in 2nd centur

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1940s - Dutch paediatrician Dr Willem Karel Dicke noticed clinical improvement of his patients during the Dutch famine (during which flour was scarce). Dicke noticed that the shortage of bread led to a significant drop in the death rate among children affected by coeliac disease from greater than 35% to essentially zero



EPIDEMIOLOGY

Environmental factors

 Gliadins (wheat), secalins (rye), hordeins (barley), avenins (oats)

Genetic factors

- **5 15% of first degree relatives**
- **75% concordance in identical twins**





Serologic Tests for Untreated Celiac Disease

SEROLOGIC TEST	SENSITIVITY* (%)	SPECIFICITY* (%)	POSITIVE PREDICTIVE VALUE (%)	NEGATIVE PREDICTIVE VALUE (%)
Immunoglobulin A Endomysial Antiboo	dy			
Indirect immunofluorescence assay	85-98	97-100	98-100	80-95
Guinea pig tTG [†] ELISA	95-98	94-95	91-95	96-98
Human tTG [‡] ELISA	95-100	97-100	80-95	100
Antigliadin Antibodies (AGAs)				
IgA	75-90	82-95	28-100	65-100
IgG	69-85	73-90	20-95	41-88

The Celiac Iceberg



The Prevalence of Celiac Disease

Country	Prevalence
Italy	1:200
Hungary	1:85
Scandinavian	1:99
Brazil	1:281
Germany	1:500
U.S.A	1:500
England	1:77
Israel	1:157





Appearance of Healthy Intestinal Villi and Villi in Celiac Disease

Healthy individual



Mucosal Pathology in Celiac Disease



Modified Marsh Score



Marsh grade	Histological features
0	Normal mucosa
1	Increased number of intra-epithelial lymphocytes, usually exceeding 20 per 100 enterocytes
2	Proliferation of the crypts of liberkuhn
3	Variable villous atrophy
3a	Partial villous atrophy
3b	Subtotal villous atrophy
3c	Total villous atrophy
4	Hypoplasia of the small bowel architecture

Clinical Manifestation

- Abdominal pain
- Diarrhea, constipation
- Gassiness, distention, bloating
- Anorexia
- Poor weight gain, FTTIrritability, lethargy

- Anemia, fatigue
- Vitamin deficiencies
- Muscle wasting
- Osteopenia
- Short stature
- Recurrent abortions / infertility
- Delayed puberty
- Dental enamel hypoplasia
- Dermatitis Herpetiformis
- Aphtous ulcers



Как проявляется целиакия у взрослых:

Неврологический аппарат

Раздражительность, тревожность

Ротовая полость

Изъязвления в углах рта Травмы в полости рта

> Желудочно-кишечный тракт

Диарея и запоры Спазмы и абдоминальный отёк Рвота Зловонный кал



Кожа

Герпетиформный дерматит

Двигательный аппарат

Боли в суставах Остеопороз

Системные симптомы

Анемия Потеря веса Задержка жидкостей Склонность к кровотечениям





Extraintestinal Manifestations of Celiac Disease

MANIFESTATION PROBABLE CAUSE(S) Cutaneous Ecchymoses and petechiae Vitamin K deficiency; rarely, thrombocytopenia Edema Hypoproteinemia Dermatitis herpetiformis Unknown Follicular hyperkeratosis and dermatitis Vitamin A malabsorption, vitamin B complex malabsorption Endocrinologic Amenorrhea, infertility, impotence Malnutrition, hypothalamic-pituitary dysfunction Secondary hyperparathyroidism Calcium and/or vitamin D malabsorption causing hypocalcemia Hematologic Anemia Iron, folate, vitamin B₁₂, or pyridoxine deficiency Vitamin K deficiency; rarely, thrombocytopenia due to folate deficiency Hemorrhage Thrombocytosis, Howell-Jolly bodies Hyposplenism Hepatic Elevated liver biochemical test levels Unknown Muscular Atrophy Malnutrition due to malabsorption Calcium, vitamin D, and/or magnesium malabsorption Tetany Weakness Generalized muscle atrophy, hypokalemia Neurologic Peripheral neuropathy Deficiencies of vitamins such as vitamin B_{12} and thiamine Ataxia Cerebellar and posterior column damage Unknown Demyelinating central nervous system lesions Unknown Seizures Skeletal Osteopenia Malabsorption of calcium and vitamin D Unknown Osteoarthropathy Pathologic fractures Osteopenia

GLUTEN DIET AFTER GFD FOR 10 WEEKS



Population at Risk for Celiac Disease

- First Degree relatives
- Chromosomal abnormalities
 Trisomy 21
 Turner syndrome
 Williams syndrome
- Autoimmune disorders (DM I, Hashimoto, Graves...)

Disorders Associated with Celiac Disease

- Dermatitis herpetiformis (100 %)
- Diabetes mellitus type 1 (5-10 %)
- Down syndrome (7-19%)
- Immunoglobulin A deficiency (7%)
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Microscopic colitis
- Hypothyroidism or hyperthyroidism
- Immunoglobulin A mesangial nephropathy

Idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis

- Recurrent pericarditis
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Sarcoidosis
- Epilepsy with cerebral calcification
- Fibrosing alveolitis
 - Bird-fancier's lung

DIAGNOSIS

- Small intestine biopsy AND improvement of histological finding after gluten-free diet (GFD)
 Increase in IEL
 - Villi disappearance or reduced height
 - Cellular cuboidal appearance
 - Increase in lymphocytes, plasma cells in the lamina propria
- Changes may be seen in: Crohn's disease, Tropical sprue, Milk protein allergy, Lymphoma, Bacterial overgrowth etc.
- Autoantibodies should also disappear after GFD



The Importance of Early Diagnosis

- **1. Osteoporosis**
- 2. Decreased height
- 3. Malignancy (lymphoma)
- 4. Autoimmune diseases

Maternal Celiac Disease

- Intrauterine growth retardation
- Abortion
- Poor outcome of pregnancy

<u>Paternal Celiac Disease</u>:Low birth weight

THERAPY

- Gluten free diet!!
- Oat up to 40 Gr is permitted
- Biopsy finding and symptoms with improve
- Failure to respond
 - Are you adherent with GFD??
 - Refractory celiac disease
 - Allergy to other proteins
 - Response to corticosteroids
 - True refractory sprue
 t-cell lymphoma



COMPLICATIONS

Cancer

T Cell lymphoma

sudden loss of response to GFD
initial non-response to GFD

Small bowel carcinoma as well

Ulcerations along the small intestine
Collagen deposition beneath the basement membrane – collagenous sprue



MANAGEMENT OF CELIAC DISEASE

- Consultation with a skilled dietitian
- Education about the disease
- Lifelong adherence to a gluten-free diet
- Identification and treatment of nutritional deficiencies
- Access to an advocacy group
- Continuous long-term follow-ι by a multidisciplinary team











