



Differentiating Gluten-Related Disorders Through Diagnostic Methods

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Gluten sensitivity

Also called: gluten intolerance



ABOUT

SYMPTOMS

TREATMENTS

Usually self-diagnosed

Symptoms can include bloating, diarrhea, abdominal pain, tiredness, and skin rashes.

People may experience:

Pain areas: in the abdomen or joints

Gastrointestinal: bloating, diarrhea, fat in stool, heartburn, nausea, or flatulence

Also common: anxiety, cramping, fatigue, mouth ulcer, skin rash, or weight loss

Consult a doctor for medical advice

Sources: Mayo Clinic and others. [Learn more](#)



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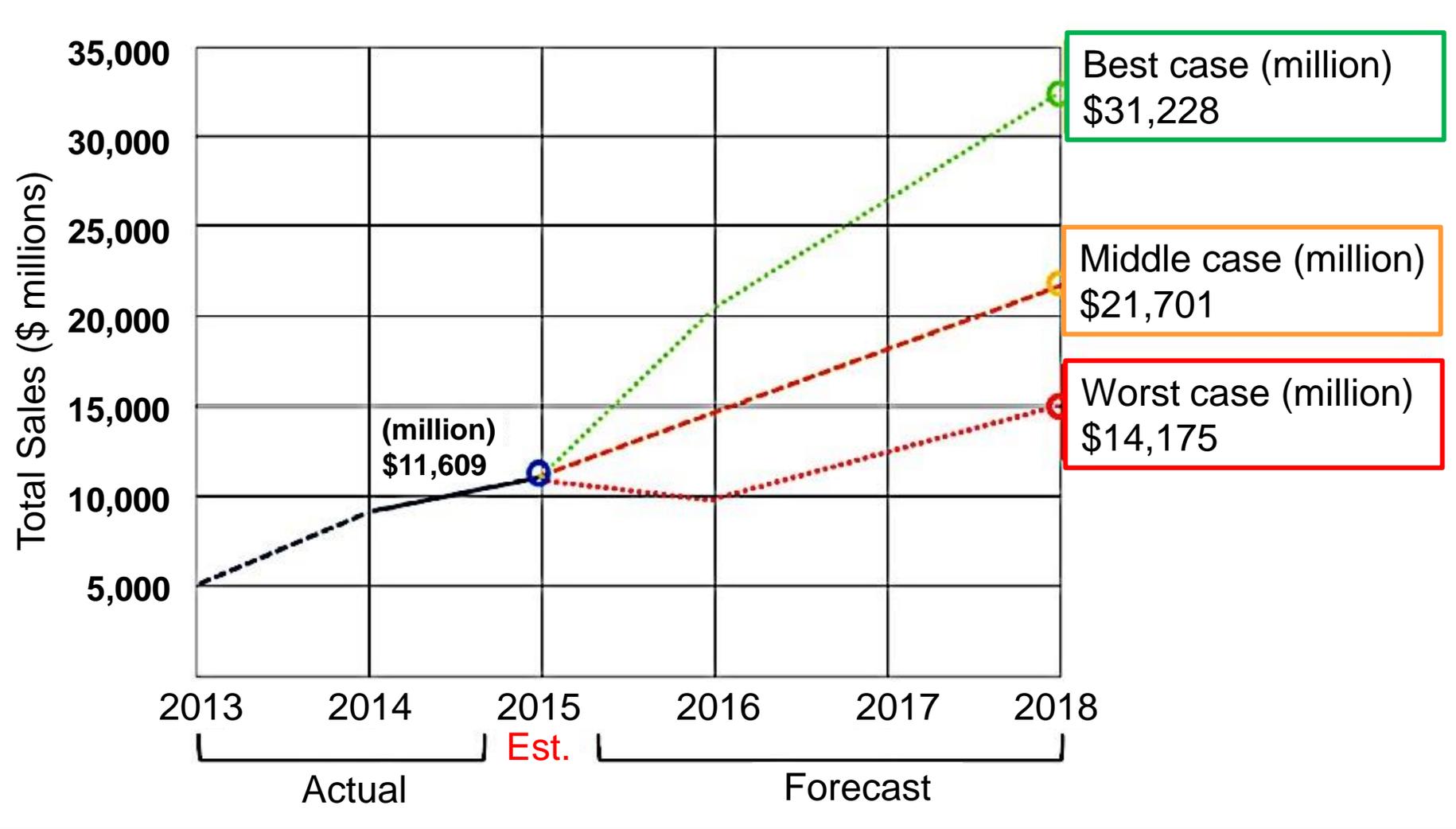
The Controversy on Who Should Be on a GFD

**Only People With
Celiac Disease**

Everybody

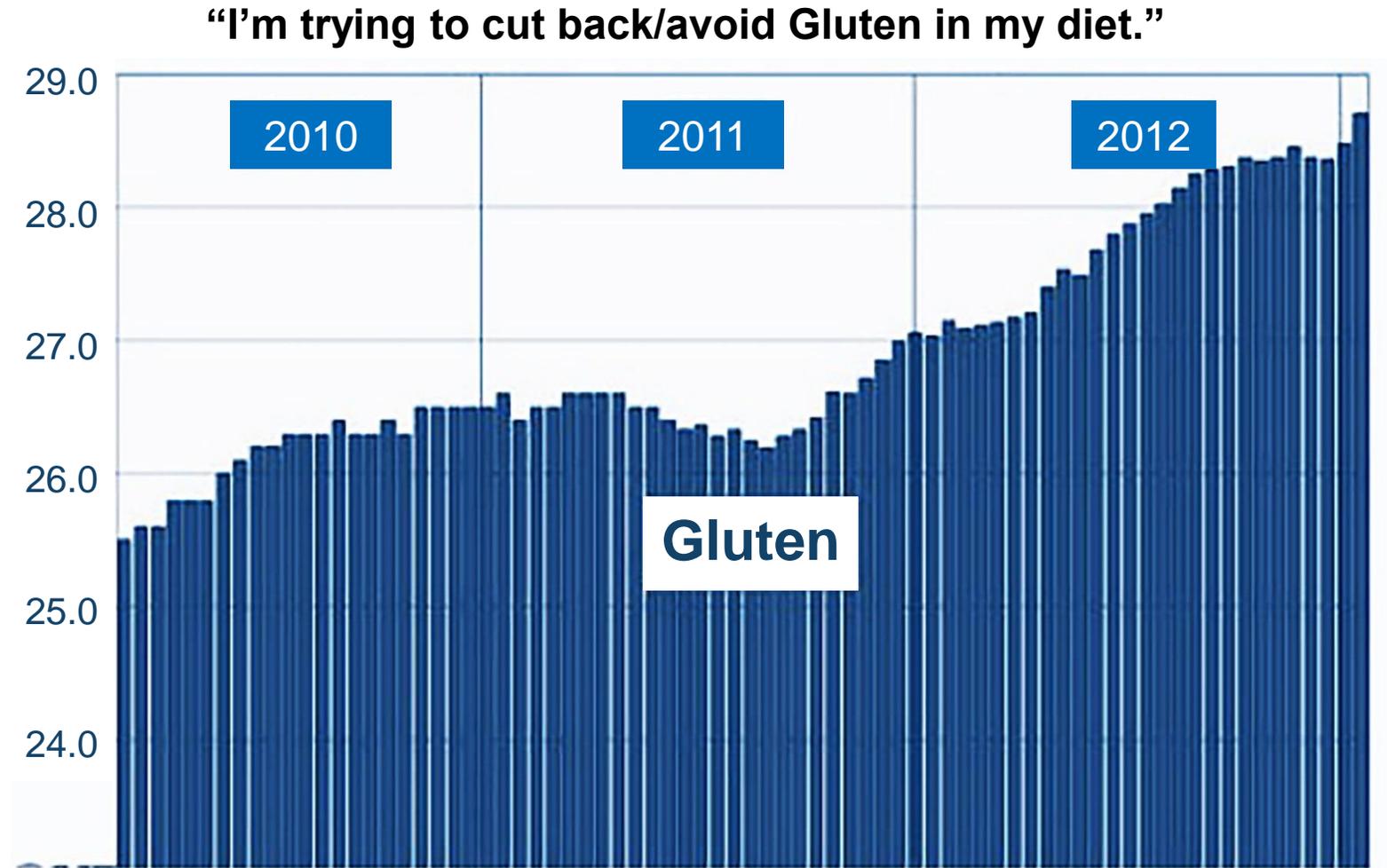


Sales of GFD Products in the US



How Many People in the US are Embracing a GFD

- Percentage of U.S. adults trying to cut down or avoid gluten in their diets reaches new high in 2013, Reports NPD

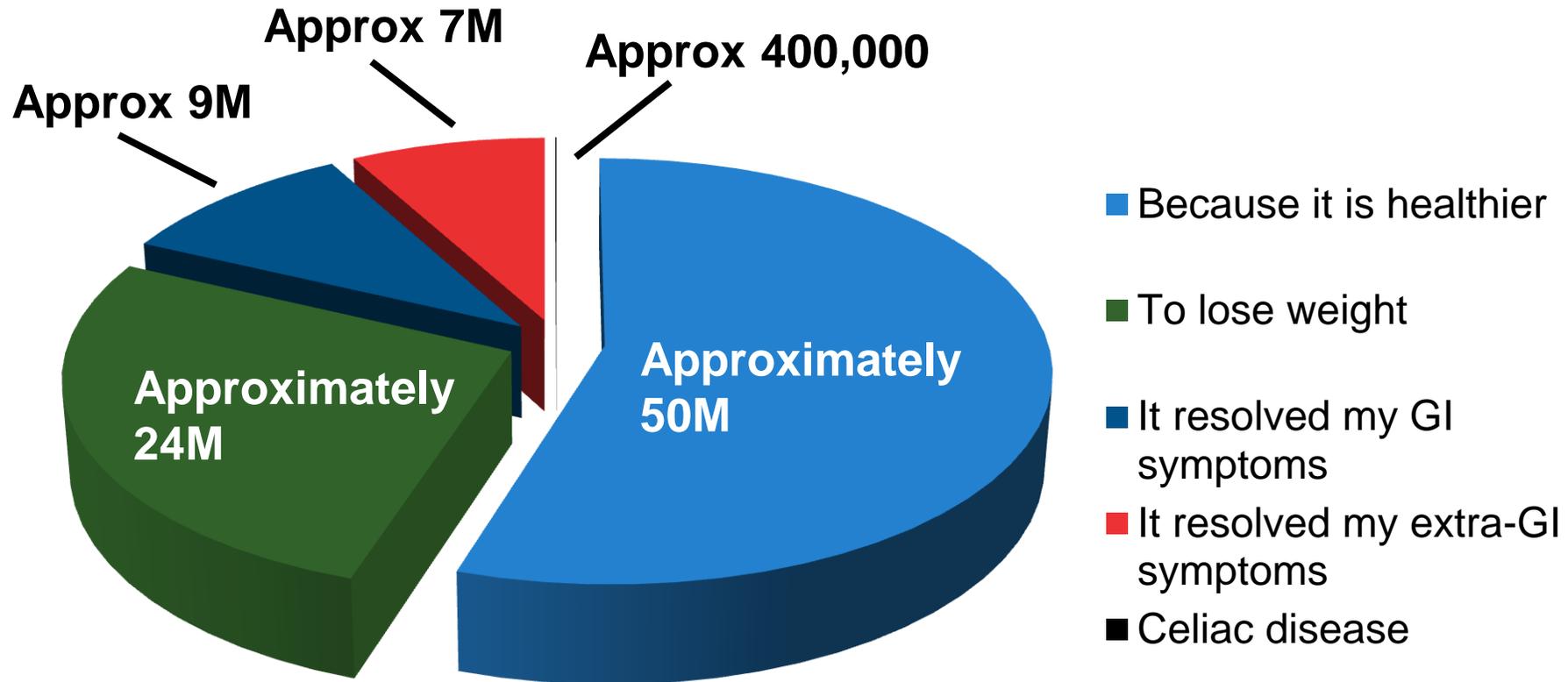


Source: The NPD Group/Dieting Monitor, 52 week data year ending January 30, 2013

Want to Order Gluten-free Food at this Café?
Better Show Some Medical Proof

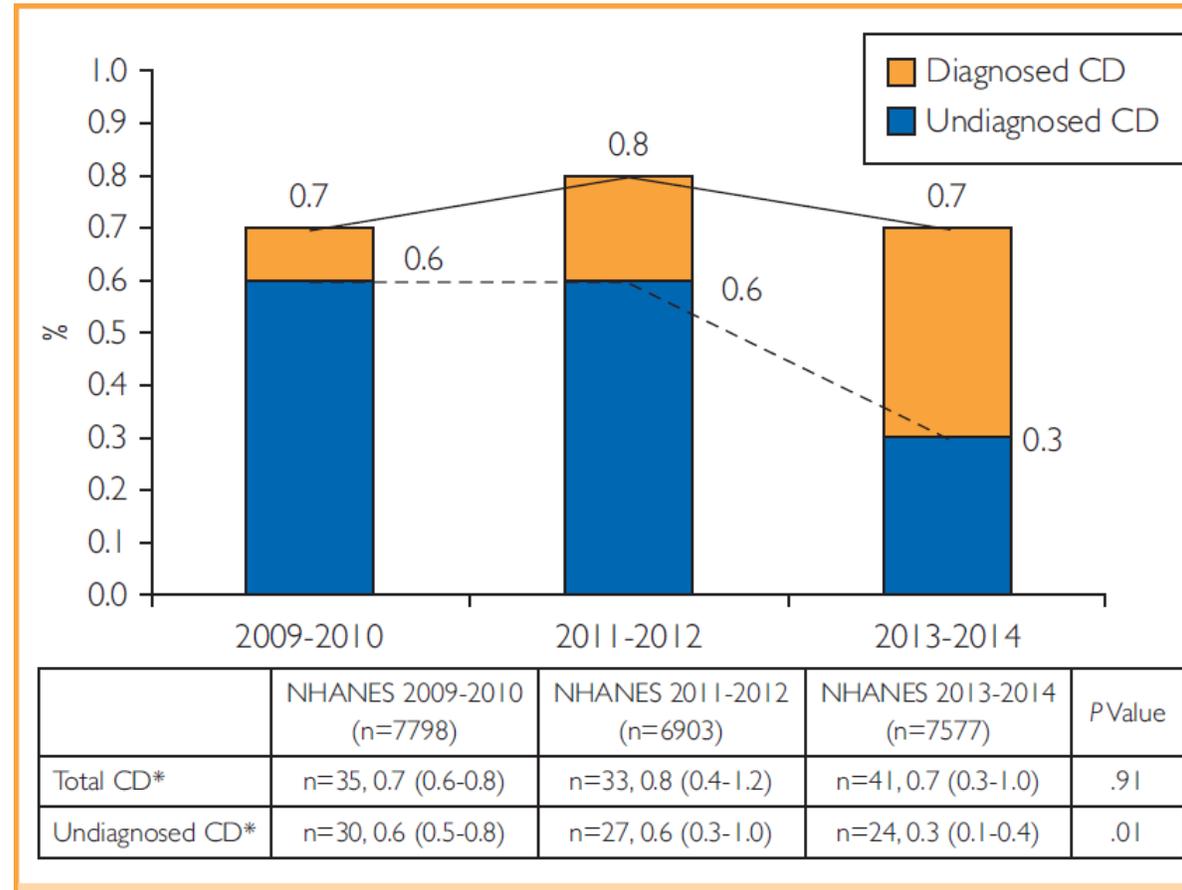


Why People in the US Embrace a GFD

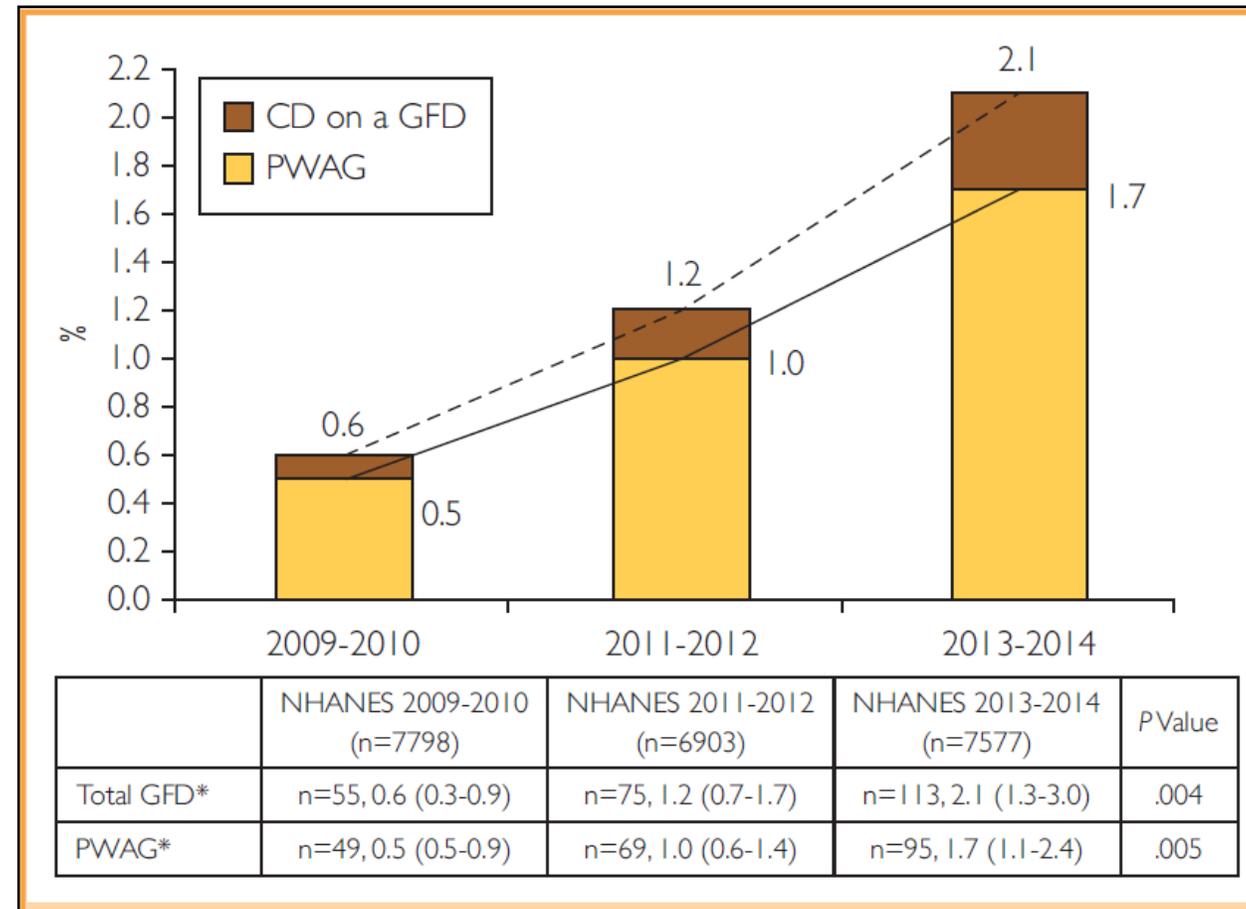


Based on internet interview users age 18y+ who eats GF food

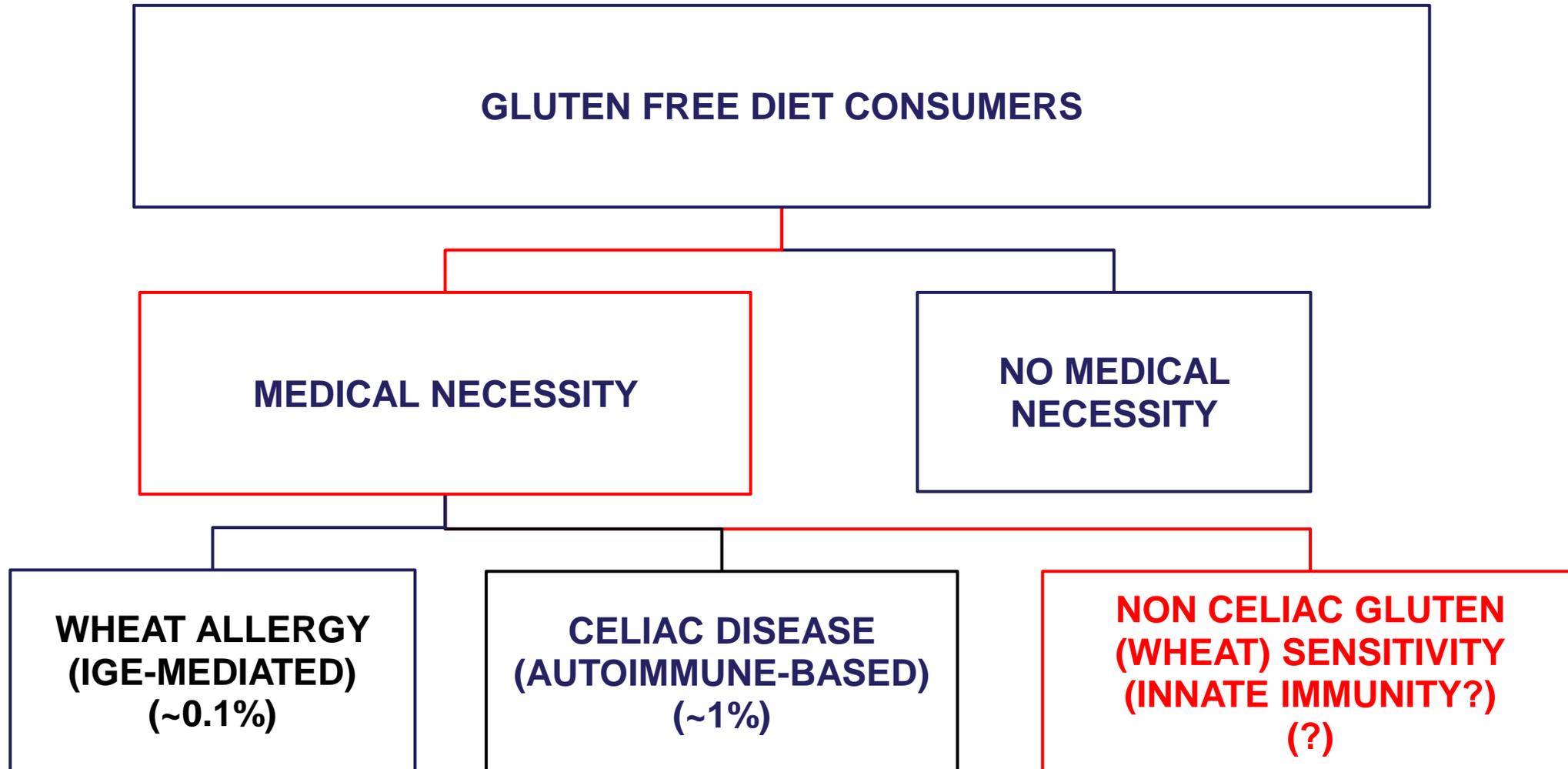
Trends in the prevalence of total CD and undiagnosed CD from 2009 to 2014



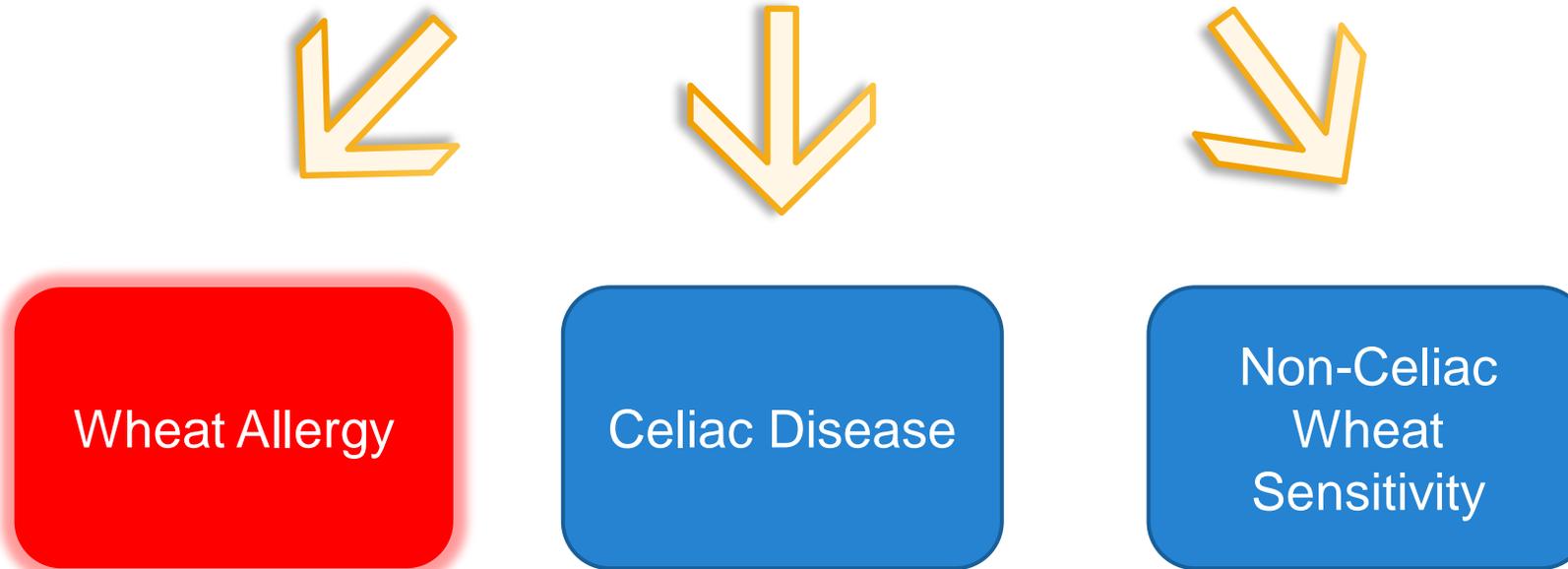
Trends in the prevalence of GFD in CD and in people without celiac disease avoiding gluten from 2009 to 2014



The Gluten Free Diet: Not Only Celiac Disease



Adverse Effects of Wheat Ingestion in Humans – Wheat Allergy



Wheat Allergy

- A hypersensitivity reaction to wheat proteins mediated through immune mechanisms and involving mast cell activation.
- The immune response can be IgE mediated, non-IgE mediated, or both.
- Most commonly a food allergy, but wheat can become a sensitizer when the exposure occurs through the skin or through the airways (Baker's asthma)

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Wheat Allergy

IgE-mediated reactions to wheat albumin, globulin, α gliadin

Respiratory Allergy

Asthma

Some forms (eg EoE) may be IgE-mediated

Food Allergy

GI manifestations

IgE-mediated reactions to ω -5 gliadin

WDEIA

Anaphylaxis

IgE-mediated reactions to ω -gliadin

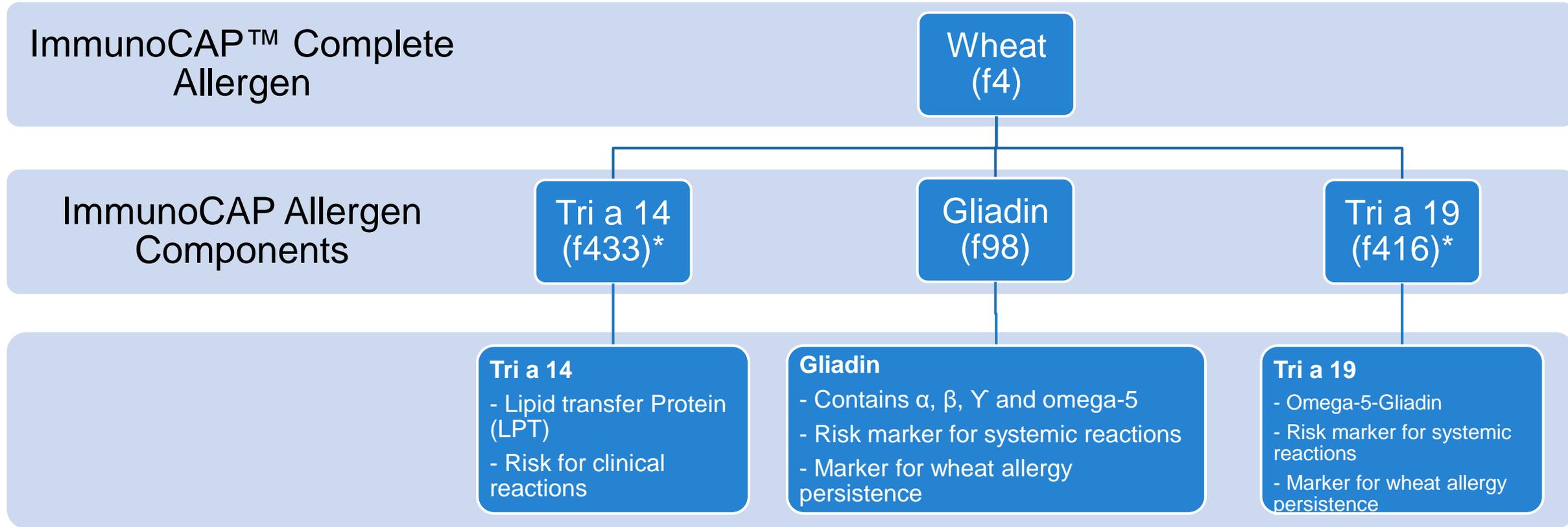
Contact Urticaria

Skin lesions

- 28 year old man, c/o watery eyes, itchy rash, occasional wheezing.
- Works at a bakery

Sounds like wheat allergy

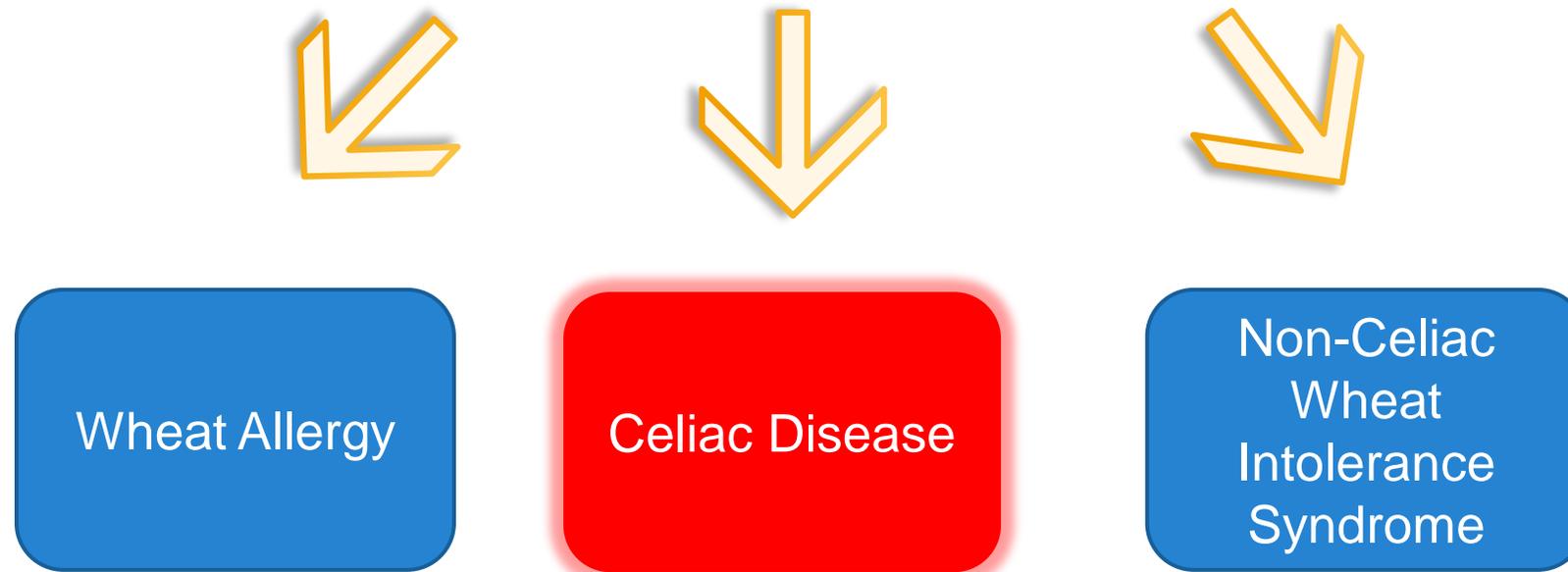
Potential Testing Cascade



Gliadin gives high sensitivity for detecting wheat food allergy while Tri a 19 provides higher specificity

*These assays are only available in the United States through Phadia immunology Reference Laboratory (PiRL) as Laboratory Developed Tests.

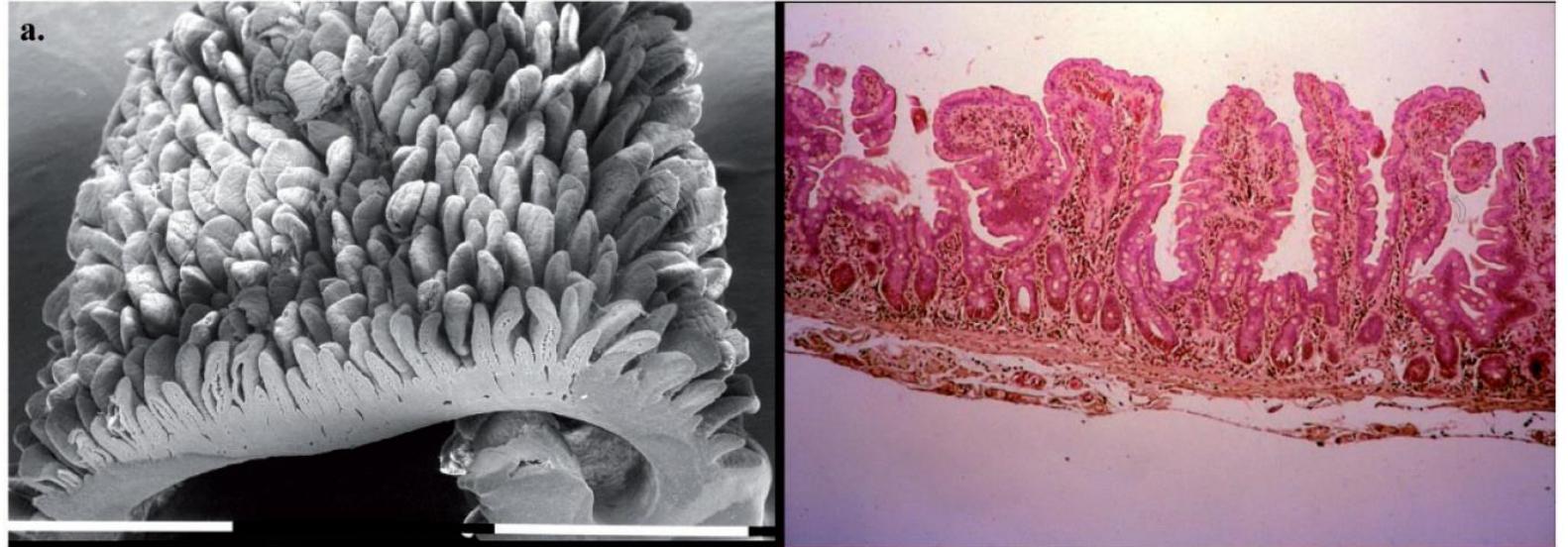
Adverse Effects of Wheat Ingestion in Humans – Celiac Disease



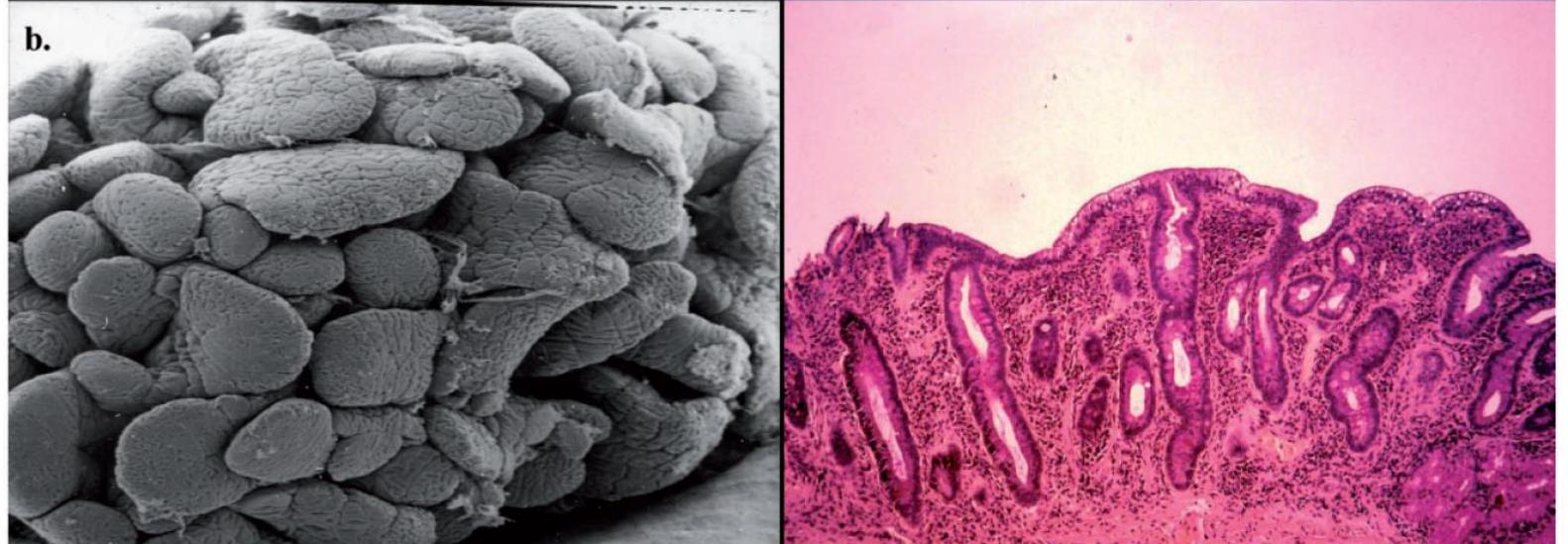
- An immune-mediated systemic disorder triggered by gluten and related prolamines in genetically susceptible individuals (HLA-DQ2 or HLA-DQ8 haplotypes)
- Characterized by:
 - Inflammatory Enteropathy of variable severity
 - A wide range of gastrointestinal and/or systemic complaints
 - CD-specific antibodies

Microscopic Images and Histology

(a) normal cytoarchitectonic villus-crypt and absorbent epithelium of the small intestine scanning electron microscopy (left) and histology (right. Emat.cos.80x)



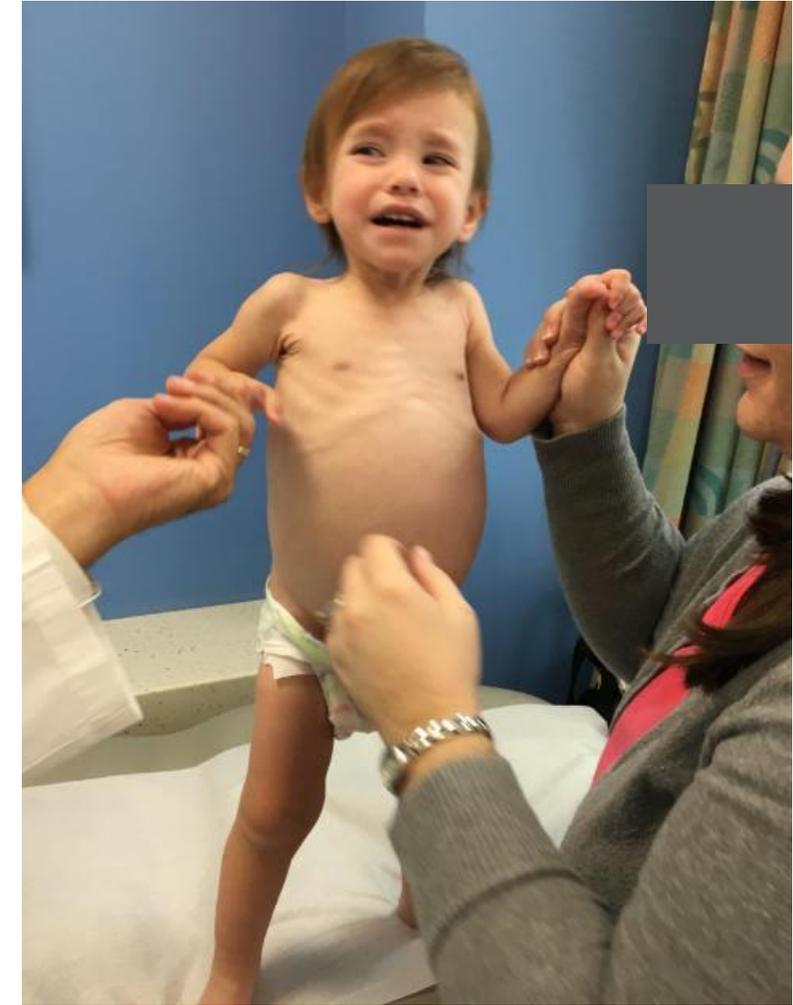
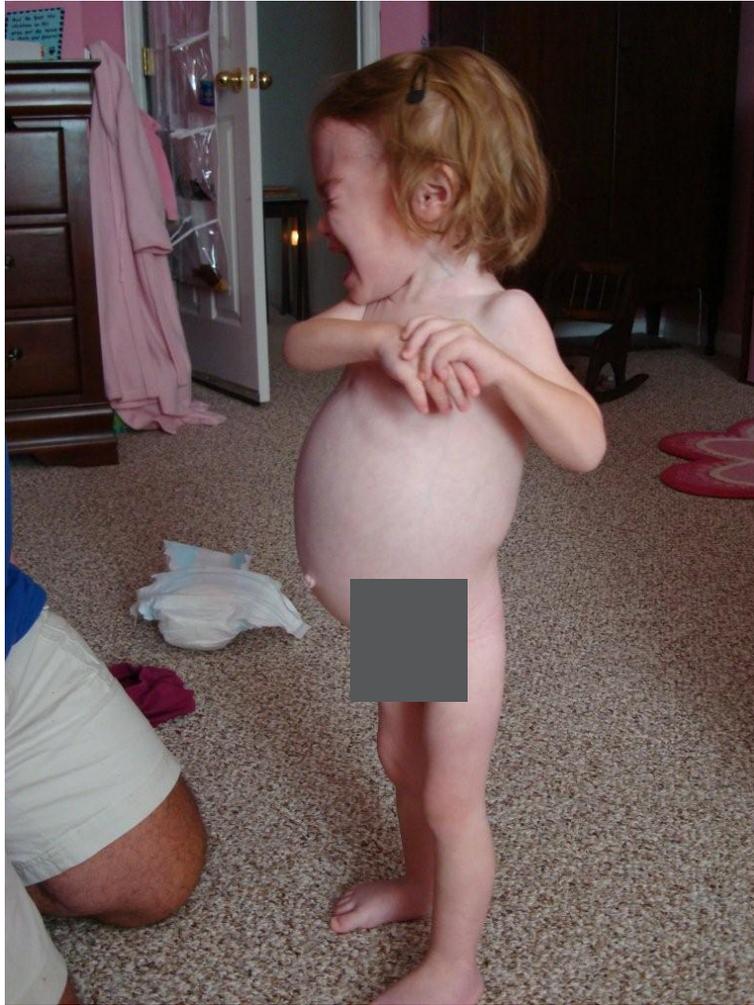
(b) subtotal villous atrophy in scanning electron microscopy (left) associated with hyperplasia of the crypts (right. Emat.cos.x80)



Clinical Presentations

Symptoms	Duodenal Biopsy	Serology	Type
GI manifestations	Villous Atrophy	Positive	Typical
Extra-GI manifestations	Villous Atrophy	Positive	Atypical
Asymptomatic	Villous Atrophy	Positive	Silent
Symptoms present or absent	Normal or only increased intraepithelial lymphocytes	Positive	Potential

GI Presentations of Celiac Disease in Children



Typical CD in Children: GI Presentations

- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Failure to thrive or weight loss
- Abdominal bloating/pain
- Constipation

- Malnutrition Related
 - Short stature
 - Delayed puberty
 - Iron-deficient anemia resistant to oral Fe
- Recurrent stomatitis
- Liver and biliary tract disease
 - Autoimmune Liver Disease
 - Benign hypertransaminasemia
- Skin disorders
 - Dermatitis Herpetiformis
 - Alopecia Areata
- Osteopenia/Osteoporosis
- Arthritis/Arthralgia
- Neurological problems
 - Headache
 - Peripheral Neuropathy
 - Seizures with occipital calcifications
 - Gluten Ataxia
- Behavioral changes & psychiatric disorders
 - Poor mood
 - Anxiety
 - Depression
- Women: sub-infertility

Who Should be tested?

- **Asymptomatic children and adolescents at increased risk for CD such as:**
 - Type 1 diabetes mellitus (T1DM)
 - Autoimmune thyroid disease
 - Down syndrome
 - Turner syndrome
 - Williams syndrome
 - Selective immunoglobulin A (IgA) deficiency
 - Autoimmune liver disease
 - First-degree relatives with CD (*overall prevalence 8.1%, varying from 13% in sisters, daughters to 3% in parents*)

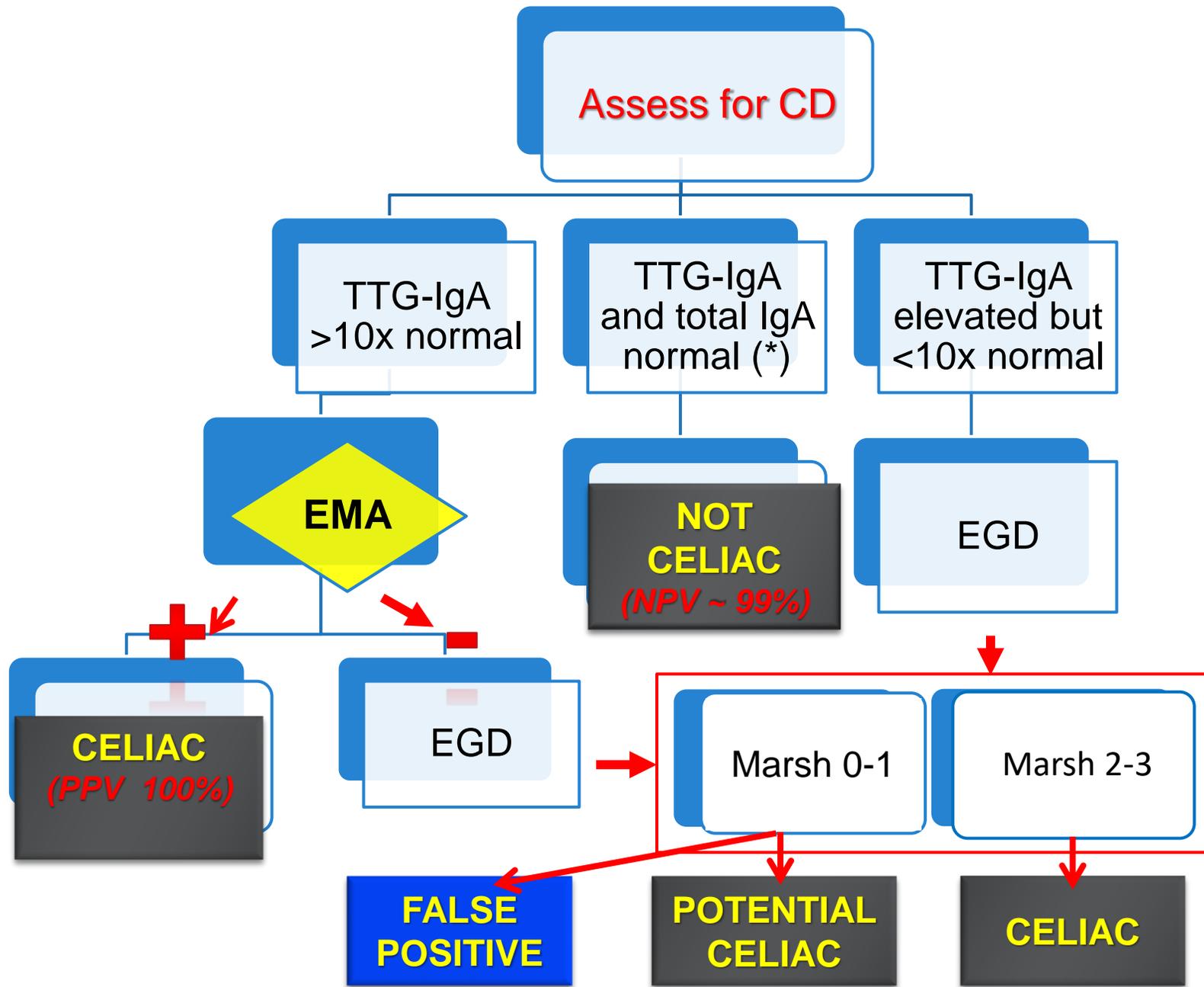
- 12 year old boy with type 1 diabetes; previously tested negative for celiac, but somewhat stunted growth in past couple years, increased irritability, some abdominal pain.

Sounds like celiac

Celiac-specific Antibodies

	Positive likelihood ratio	Negative likelihood ratio
EMA / IgA	31.8 (18.6 - 54.3)	0.067 (0.038 - 0.118)
Anti-TG2 / IgA	21.8 (12.9 - 36.8)	0.060 (0.040 - 0.090)
Anti-DGP / IgG	13.6 (8.1 - 22.8)	0.061 (0.017 - 0.221)
Anti-DGP / IgA	9.4 (6.8 - 13.1)	0.121 (0.072 - 0.203)
AGA / IgA	7.3 (4.5 - 11.8)	0.186 (0.095 - 0.362)

EMA: Endomysial Antibody
TG2: anti transglutaminase-2
DGP: anti-deamidated gliadin peptides
AGA: anti-gliadin antibody



(*) if IgA-deficient: TTG-IgG or DGP-IgG normal

- All “adult” societies recommend biopsy confirmation of diagnosis of celiac disease

AGA

ACG

BSG

NICE

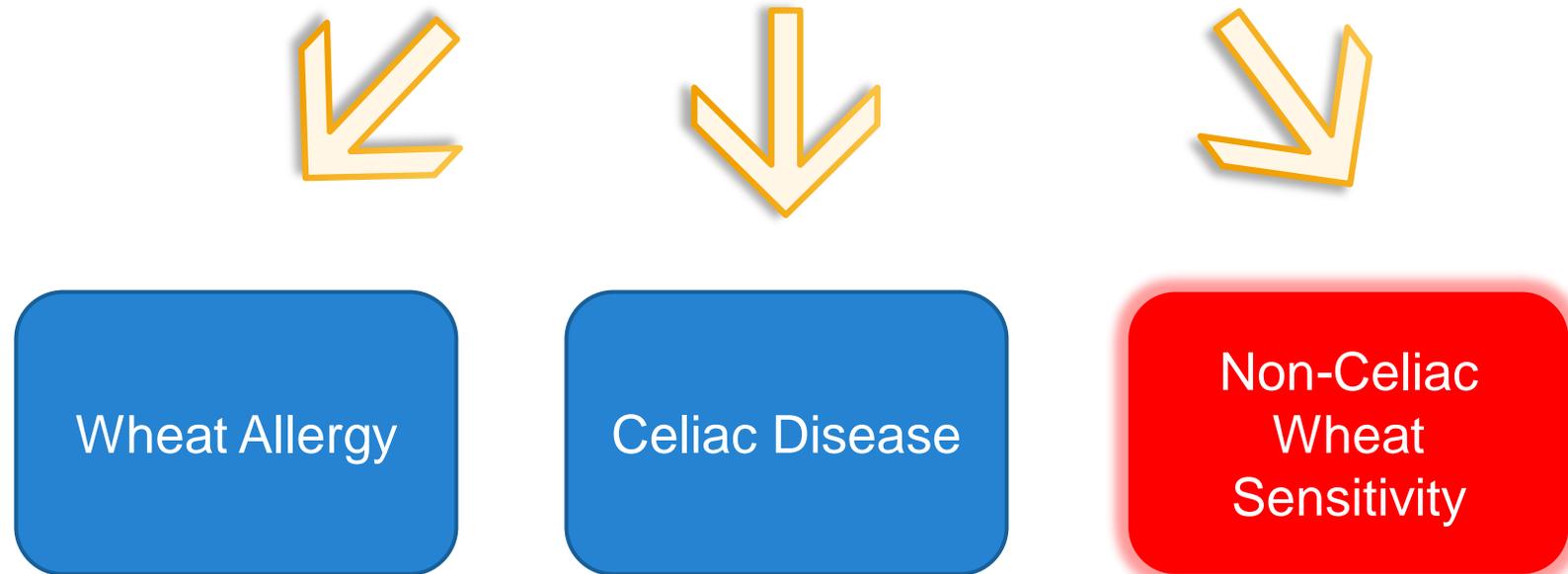
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Adverse Effects of Wheat Ingestion in Humans – Non-Celiac Wheat Sensitivity





Non-Celiac Wheat Sensitivity

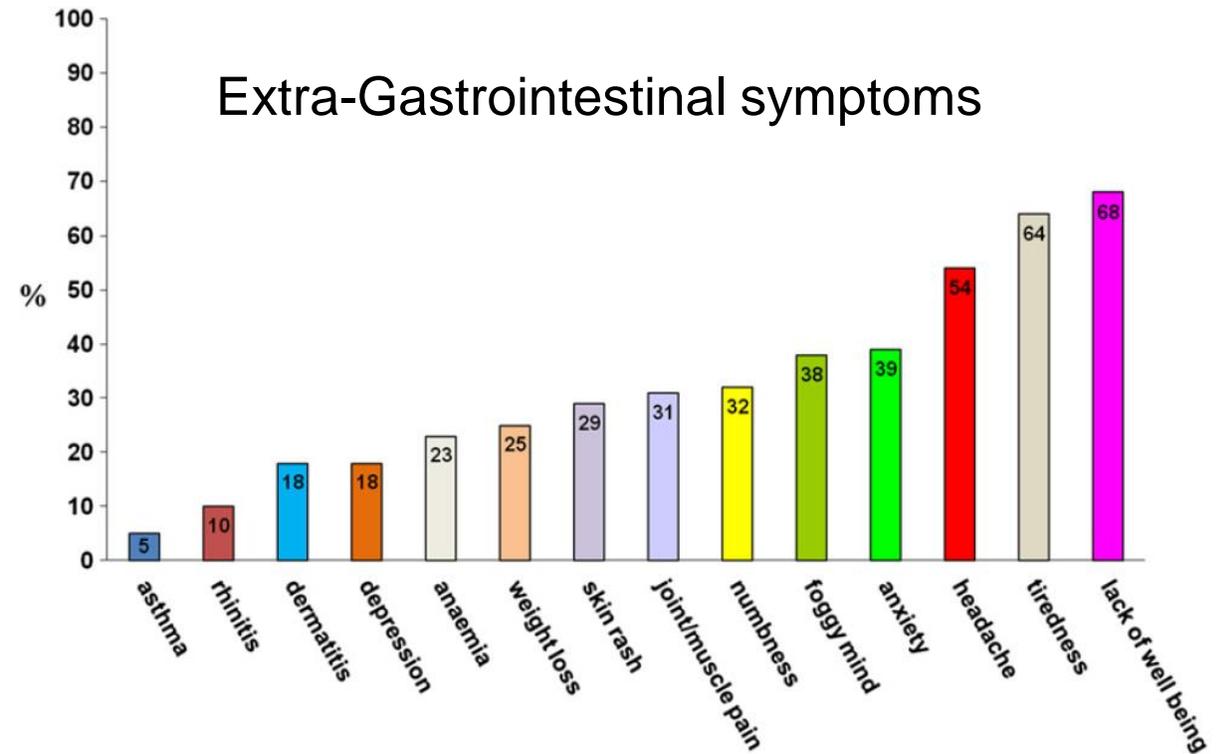
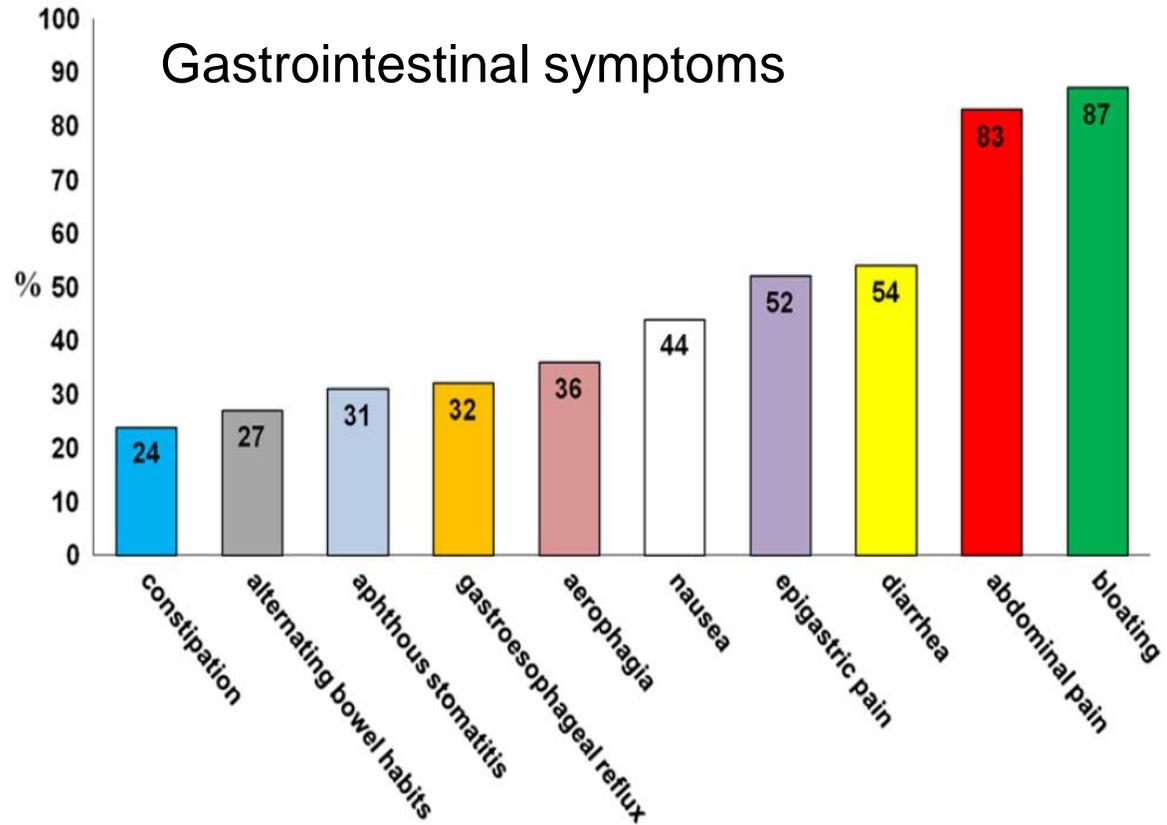
- A poorly defined syndrome characterized by a variable combination of intestinal and extra-intestinal symptoms, typically occurring soon after the ingestion of gluten-containing foods and disappearing quickly upon their withdrawal, occurring in individuals where both CD and WA have been excluded

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Cases of reaction to ingestion of wheat and possibly gluten-containing grains in which both allergic and autoimmune mechanisms have been ruled out (diagnosis by exclusion criteria)

- Triggered by the ingestion of gluten-containing grains
- Negative immuno-allergy tests to wheat
- Negative CD serology (EMA and/or tTG) and in which IgA deficiency has been ruled out
- Negative duodenal histopathology
- Possible presence of biomarkers of gluten immune-reaction (AGA+)
- Presence of clinical symptoms that can overlap with CD or wheat allergy symptomatology
- Resolution of the symptoms following implementation of a GFD and relapse after re-exposure to gluten-containing grains (double blind)

An Italian survey on 486 patients



Clinical manifestations of NCWS

<i>Frequency</i>	Intestinal	Extra-intestinal
Very Common	Bloating	Lack of wellbeing
	Abdominal pain	Tiredness
Common	Diarrhea	Headache
	Epigastric pain	Anxiety
	Nausea	Foggy mind
	Aerophagia	Numbness
	GER	Joint/muscle pain
	Aphthous stomatitis	Skin rash/dermatitis
	Alternating bowel habits	
	Constipation	
Undetermined	Hematochezia	Weight loss
	Anal fissures	Anemia
		Loss of balance
		Depression
		Rhinitis/asthma
		Weight increase
		Interstitial cystitis
		Ingrown hairs
		Oligo or polymenorrhea
		Sensory symptoms
		Disturbed sleep pattern
		Hallucinations
		Mood swings
		Autism
	Schizophrenia	

The Salerno NCGS diagnostic criteria (*Nutrients*, 2015)

Open Questions

- Prevalence? (between 0.6-6%)
- Are children affected? (only 1 open-label paper published)
- Cause? (Gluten and/or other wheat components?)
- Pathophysiology? (Leaky gut? Innate/adaptive immunity?)
- Diagnosis? (No marker available)
- Complications? (Unknown)
- Treatment? (GFD or wheat-free diet? How strict? For how long?)

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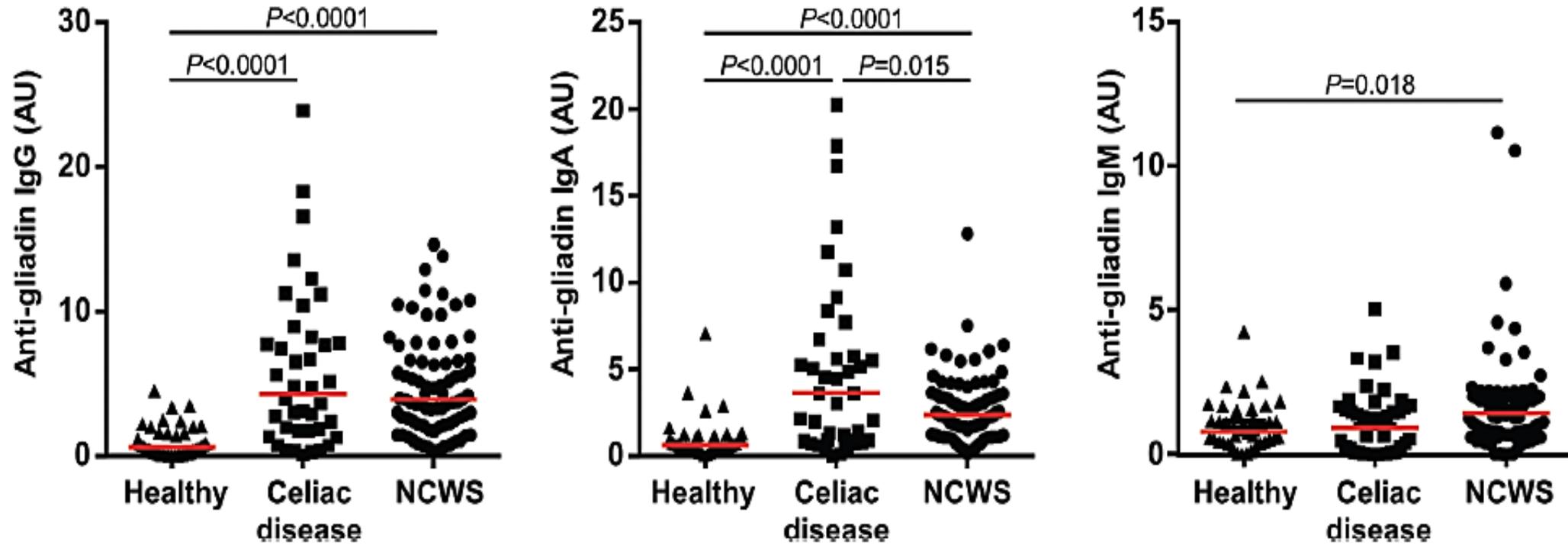
Evidence for Gluten as Responsible for NCWS in IBS-type Adult Patients

- Di Sabatino et al., 2015: 5% of 59 pts
- Elli et al., 2016: 14% of 98 pts
- Zanini et al., 2016: 34% of 35 pts

- Weighted average: 9.8%



Antibodies to Native Gliadin in NCWS vs Celiac Disease (CD) and Healthy Controls



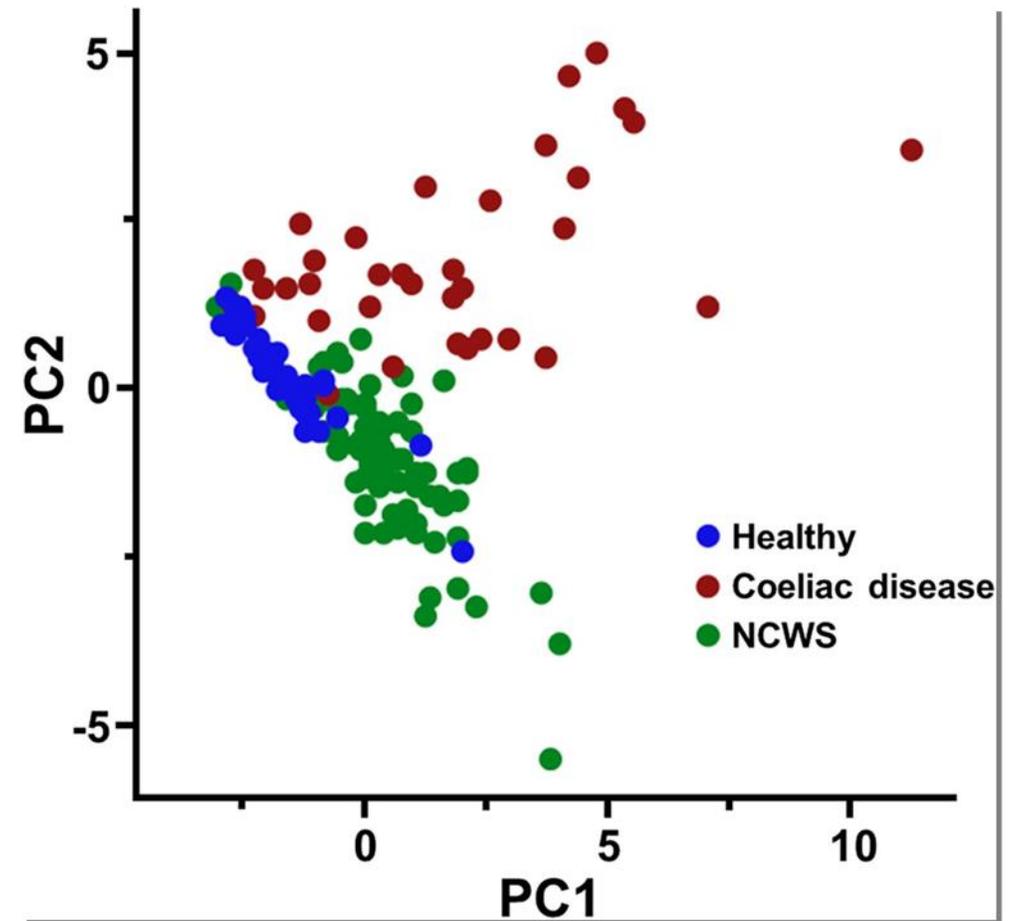
Both CD and NCWS pts had significantly higher levels of IgG, IgA and IgM AGA than healthy controls

- IgA AGA significantly higher in CD than in NCWS
- IgM AGA not significantly higher in NCWS than in CD and IgG AGA in CD than in NCWS

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

PCA score plot for the complete dataset of serological markers

- Anti-transglutaminase 2 (anti-TG2) IgA
- Anti-deamidated gliadin IgG and IgA
- Anti-gliadin IgG, IgA and IgM
- Lipopolysaccharide-binding protein (LBP)
- Soluble CD14 (sCD14)
- Endotoxin-core antibodies (EndoCAb) IgG, IgA and IgM
- Anti-flagellin IgG, IgA and IgM
- Fatty acid-binding protein 2 (FABP2) measured in healthy controls, patients with coeliac disease and individuals with non-celiac wheat intolerance syndrome (NCWS)



Other Potential Causes for NCWS: FODMAP

COMMON FOODS CONTAINING FODMAPs

EXCESS FRUCTOSE	LACTOSE	FRUCTANS	GALACTANS	POLYOLS
<p>> Fruits apples, pears, nashi, mangoes, tinned fruit in natural juice, watermelon</p> <p>> Sweeteners fructose, high fructose corn syrup</p> <p>> Large total fructose dose concentrated fruit sources, large serves of fruit, dried fruit, fruit juice</p> <p>> Honey</p> 	<p>> Milk cows', goats' and sheeps' milk, yoghurt, ice cream</p> <p>> Cheeses soft and fresh (eg. ricotta, cottage)</p> 	<p>> Vegetables artichokes, beetroot, asparagus, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, fennel, garlic, leeks, okra, onions, spring onions (white part), shallots</p> <p>> Cereals wheat and rye when eaten in large amounts (eg. bread, pasta, couscous, crackers, biscuits)</p> <p>> Fruits watermelon, custard apples, persimmons</p>  	<p>> Legumes chickpeas, lentils, red kidney beans, baked beans</p> 	<p>> Fruits apples, apricots, cherries, lychees, nashi, nectarines, pears, peaches, plums, prunes, watermelon</p> <p>> Vegetables avocados, mushrooms</p> <p>> Sweeteners sorbitol (420), mannitol (421), xylitol (967), maltitol (965), isomalt (953)</p> 

✓ SUITABLE ON A LOW-FODMAP DIET

FRUIT	VEGETABLES	MILK PRODUCTS	GRAIN FOODS	OTHERS
<p>> Fruit bananas, grapefruit, blueberries, grapes, honeydew melons, kiwifruit, lemons, limes, mandarin, oranges, pawpaw, passionfruit, tangelos, raspberries, rock-melons, strawberries, tangelos</p> 	<p>> Vegetables bamboo shoots, bok choy, carrots, celery, capsicums, chokos, choy sum, corn, eggplant, green beans, lettuce, chives, parsnips, pumpkins, silver beet, spring onions (green part only), tomatoes</p> <p>> Onion/garlic substitutes garlic-infused oil</p>	<p>> Milk lactose-free, rice milk</p> <p>> Cheeses "hard" cheeses, and brie and camembert</p> <p>> Yoghurt lactose-free</p> <p>> Ice-cream substitutes gelati, sorbet</p> <p>> Butter substitutes milk-free spread</p> 	<p>> Cereals gluten-free bread/ cereal products</p> <p>> Bread 100% spelt bread</p> <p>> Rice</p> <p>> Corn</p> <p>> Oats</p> <p>> Polenta</p> 	<p>> Sweeteners sugar (sucrose), glucose, artificial sweeteners not ending in '-ol'</p> <p>> Honey substitutes maple syrup, golden syrup</p> 

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Food Sources of FODMAPs (where FODMAPs are Problematic Based on Standard Serving Size) and Suitable Alternatives

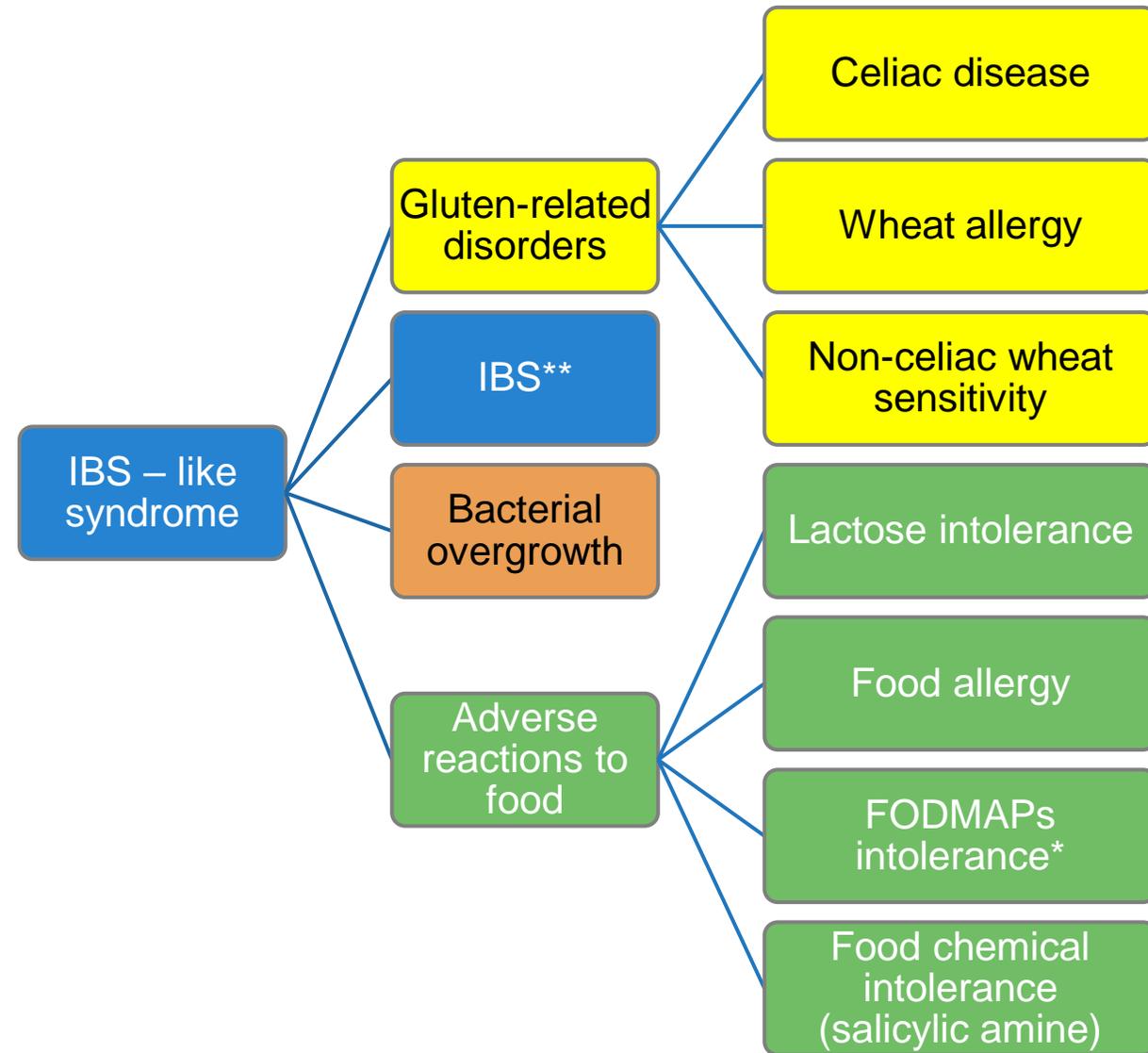
FODMAP	Excess fructose	Lactose	Oligosaccharides (fructans and/or galactans)	Polyols
Problem high FODMAP food source	<p><i>Fruits:</i> apples, pears, nashi pears, clingstone peaches, mango, sugar snap peas, watermelon, tinned fruit in natural juice</p> <p><i>Honey</i></p> <p><i>Sweeteners:</i> fructose, high fructose corn syrup</p> <p><i>Large total fructose dose:</i> concentrated fruit sources; large serves of fruit, dried fruit, fruit juice</p>	<p><i>Milk:</i> cow, goat and sheep (regular & low-fat), Ice cream</p> <p><i>Yoghurt</i> (regular & low-fat)</p> <p><i>Cheeses:</i> soft & fresh (e.g. ricotta, cottage)</p>	<p><i>Vegetables:</i> artichokes, asparagus, beetroot, Brussels sprout, broccoli, cabbage, fennel, garlic, leeks, okra, onions, peas, shallots.</p> <p><i>Cereals:</i> wheat & rye when eaten in large amounts (e.g. bread, pasta, couscous, crackers, biscuits)</p> <p><i>Legumes:</i> chickpeas, lentils, red kidney beans, baked beans</p> <p><i>Fruits:</i> watermelon, custard apple, white peaches, rambutan, persimmon</p>	<p><i>Fruits:</i> apples, apricots, cherries, longon, lychee, nashi pears, nectarine, pears, peaches, plums, prunes, watermelon</p> <p><i>Vegetables:</i> avocado, cauliflower, mushrooms, snow peas</p> <p><i>Sweeteners:</i> sorbitol(420), mannitol(421), xylitol(967), maltitol (965), isomalt (953) & others ending in '-ol'</p>
Suitable alternative low-FODMAP food source	<p><i>Fruit:</i> banana, blueberry, carambola, durian, grapefruit, grape, honeydew melon, kiwifruit, lemon, lime, mandarin, orange, passionfruit, paw paw, raspberry, rock melon, strawberry, tangelo.</p> <p><i>Honey substitutes:</i> maple syrup, golden syrup</p> <p><i>Sweeteners:</i> any except polyols</p>	<p><i>Milk:</i> lactose-free, rice milk</p> <p><i>Cheese:</i> 'hard' cheeses including brie, camembert</p> <p><i>Yoghurt:</i> lactose-free</p> <p><i>Ice cream substitutes:</i> gelati, sorbet</p> <p><i>Butter</i></p>	<p><i>Vegetables:</i> bamboo shoots, bok choy, carrot, celery, capsicum, choko, choy sum, corn, eggplant, green beans, lettuce, chives, parsnip, pumpkin, silver beet, spring onion (green only), tomato</p> <p><i>Onion/garlic substitutes:</i> garlic-infused oil</p> <p><i>Cereals:</i> gluten-free & spelt bread/cereal products</p>	<p><i>Fruits:</i> banana, blueberry, carambola, durian, grapefruit, grape, honeydew melon, kiwifruit, lemon, lime, mandarin, orange, passionfruit, paw paw, raspberry, rock melon</p> <p><i>Sweeteners:</i> sugar (sucrose), glucose, other artificial sweeteners not ending in 'ol'</p>

Definition of Food Reactions

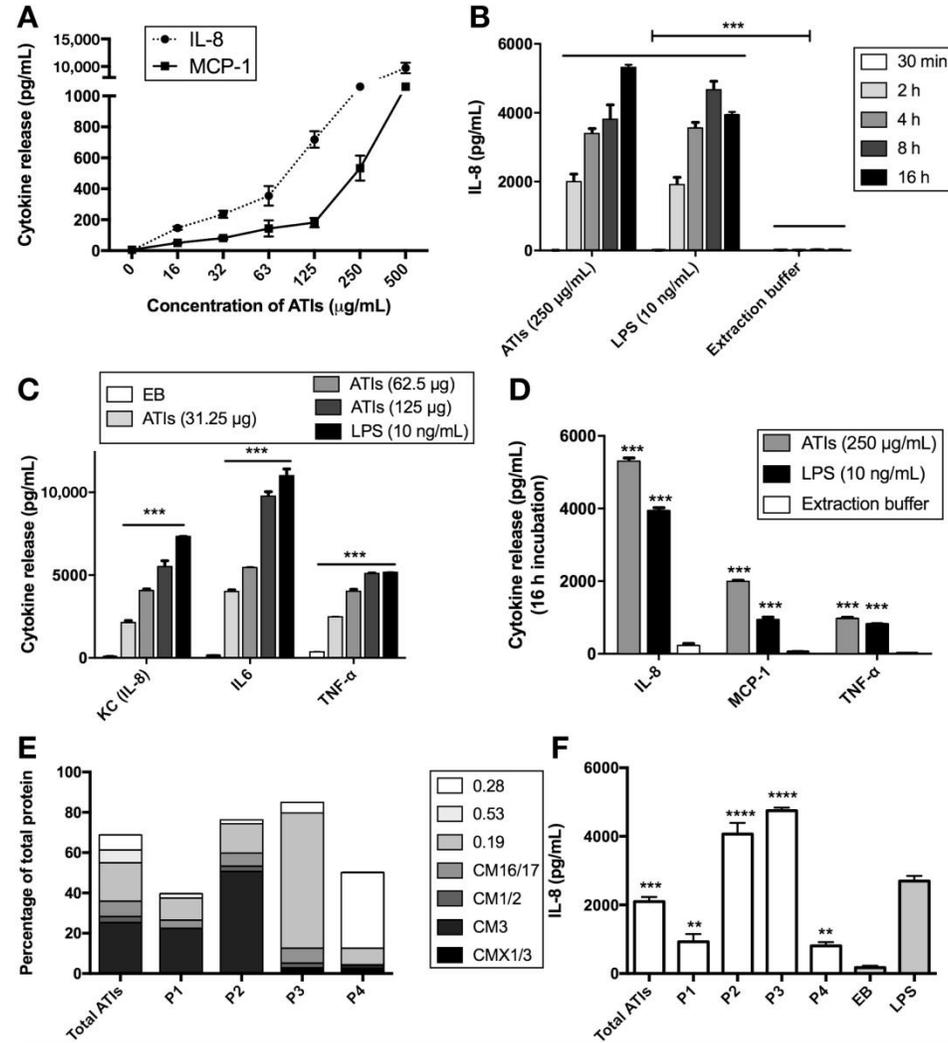
(Consensus NIAID 2011)

- **Food intolerance** occurs when the body lacks a particular enzyme to digest nutrients, nutrients are too abundant to be completely digested, or a particular nutrient cannot be properly digested, Common examples are lactose intolerance, FODMAP intolerance, or lactulose intolerance (side effect of laxatives).
- **Food sensitivity**, an understudied area, are immune-mediated reaction to some nutrients and these reactions do not always occur in the same way when eating that particular nutrient.
- **Food allergy** is a very specific immune system response involving either the immunoglobulin E (IgE) antibody or T-cells. Both are immune system cells that react to a particular food protein, such as milk protein.

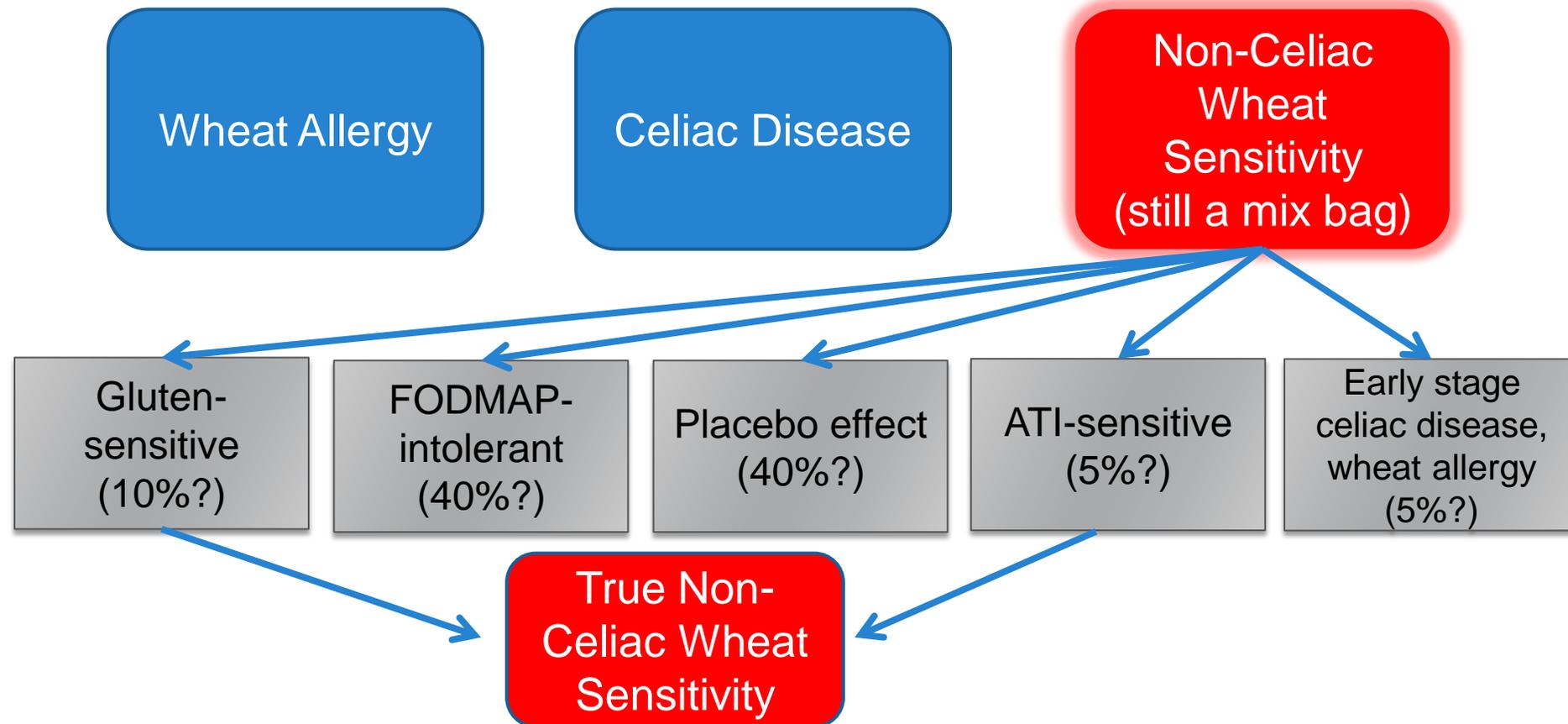
Pathogenesis Of IBS-Like Syndromes



Wheat Amylase-Trypsin Inhibitors (ATI)



Adverse Effects of Wheat Ingestion in Humans – Non-Celiac Wheat Sensitivity (cont'd)

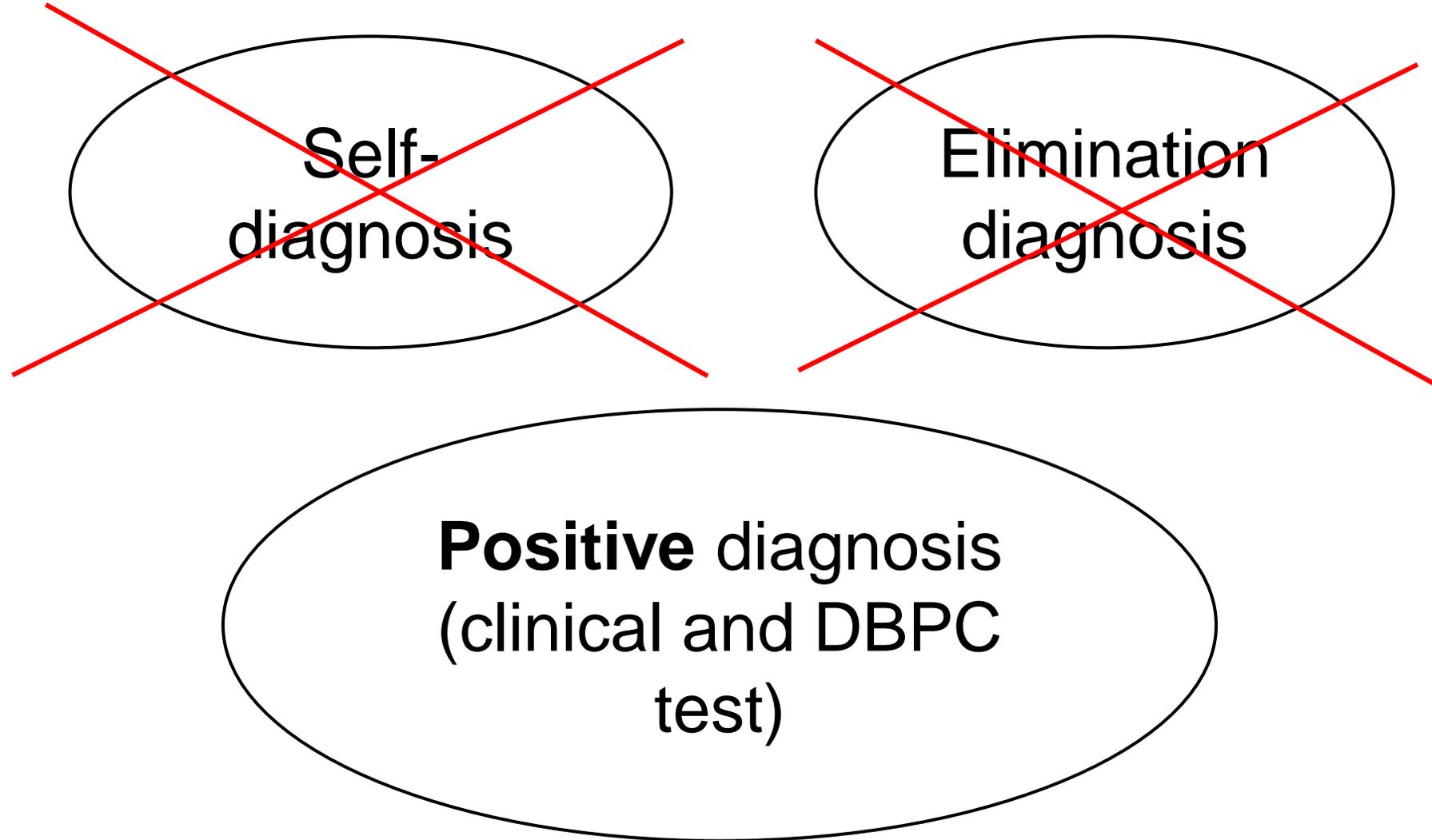


- 42 year old woman, who had headaches, foggy mind, some bloating, occasional abdominal pain. Much better when off wheat.

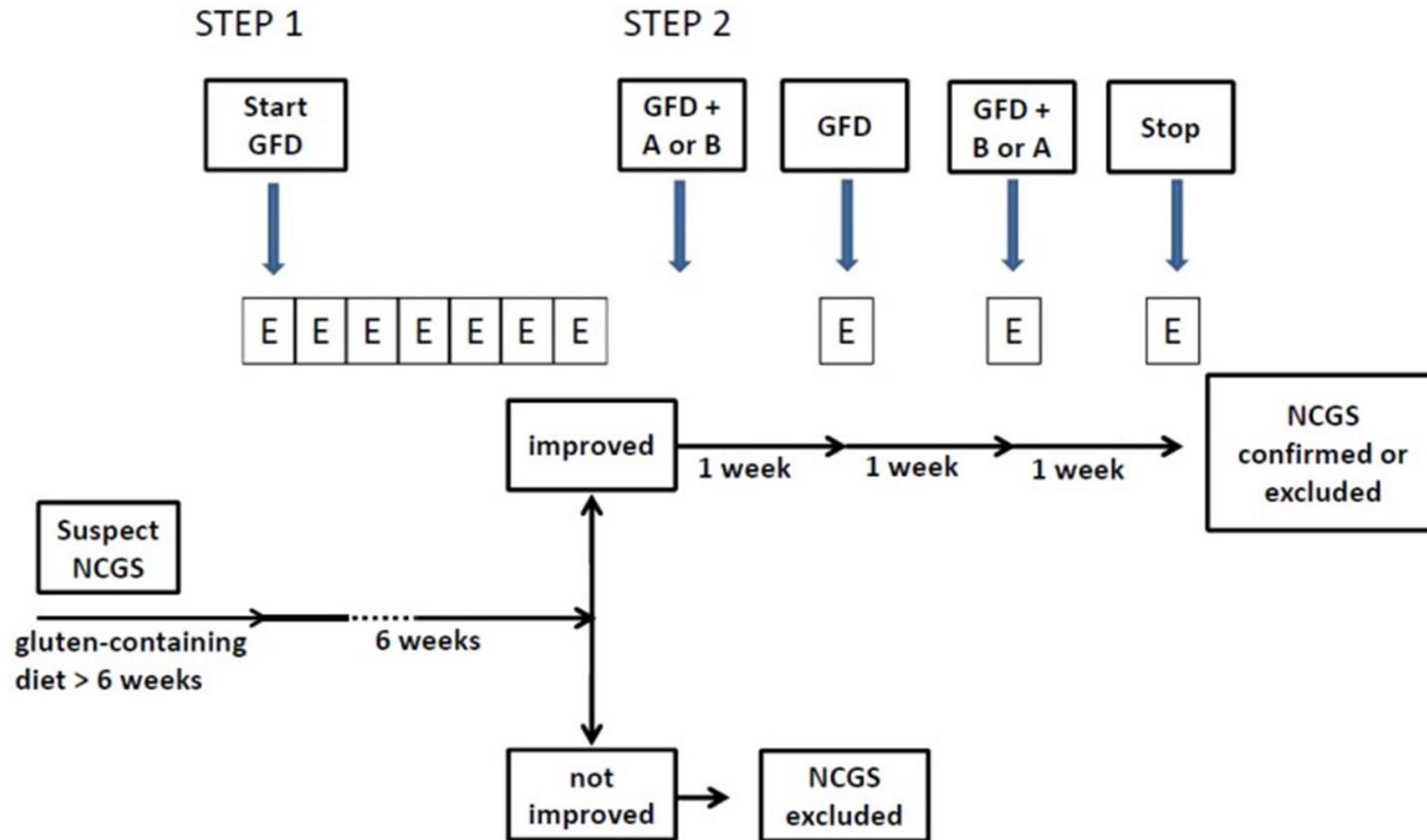
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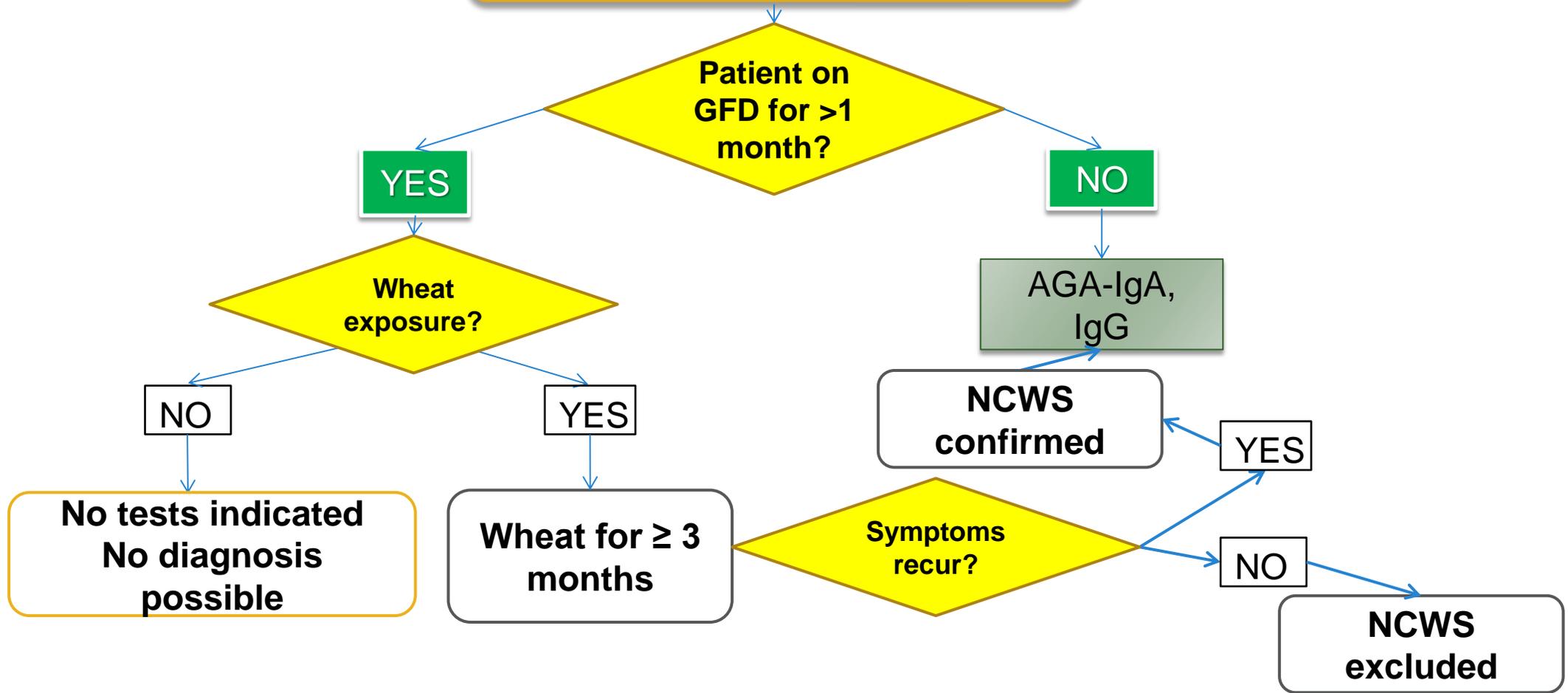
Remember: NO biomarker!



Proposed Algorithm for NCWS Diagnosis



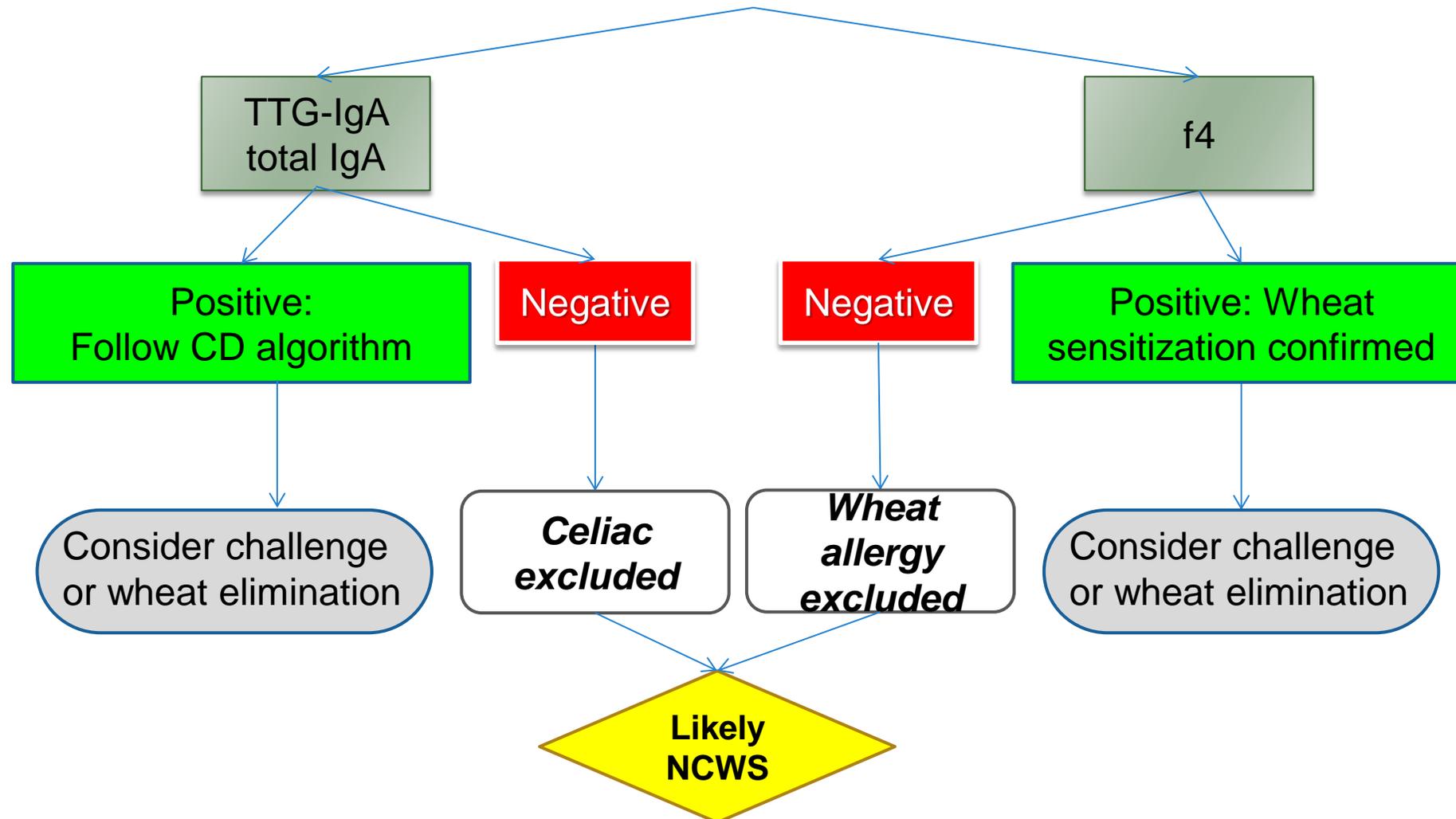
**Suspected NCWS
(CD and WA excluded)**



- 25 year old lady, with c/o itching rash, headaches, bloating, nausea and occasional diarrhea when ingesting wheat foods

A wheat-related disorder, obviously.
But... which one of the 3?

A Lab Approach to Generic Wheat-Related Disorders



Thank you for your Attention
Questions?

