

Coeliac disease: kinetics of antibody titers & clinical correlation after initiation of gluten-free diet

Critically Appraised Topic

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*“coeliac disease is an **uncommon disorder** that mainly affects **children** and is limited to **western Europe**”*

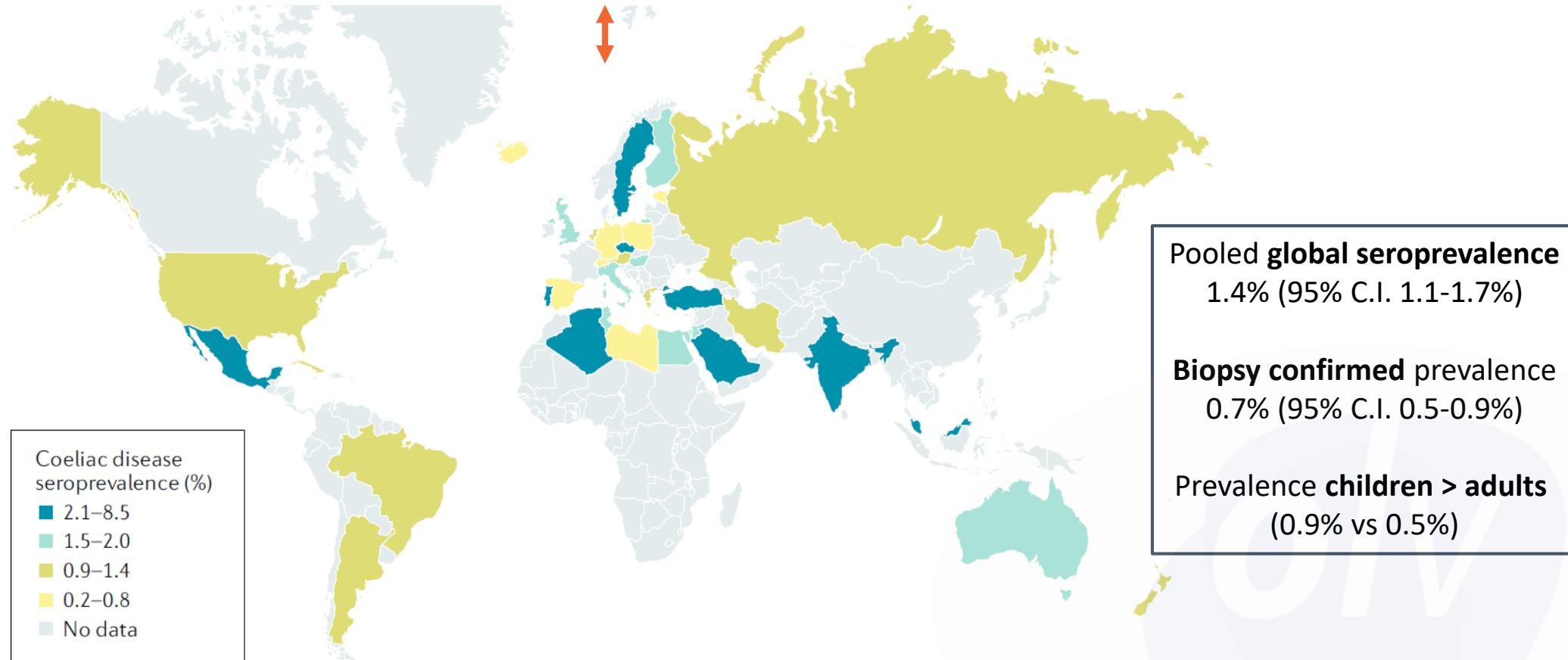


Fig. 1 | **The global seroprevalence of coeliac disease.** The map shows coeliac disease seroprevalence as determined by positive serum transglutaminase 2 and/or endomysial autoantibodies. More intensive colour indicates higher prevalence. Countries where no studies on the prevalence of coeliac disease have been conducted are presented without colour³.

Fallacies and Facts

“*symptoms in coeliac disease are **limited to** abdominal symptoms*”



lack of awareness among health-care professionals

diagnostic delays can reach up to **10 years** in resource-rich countries

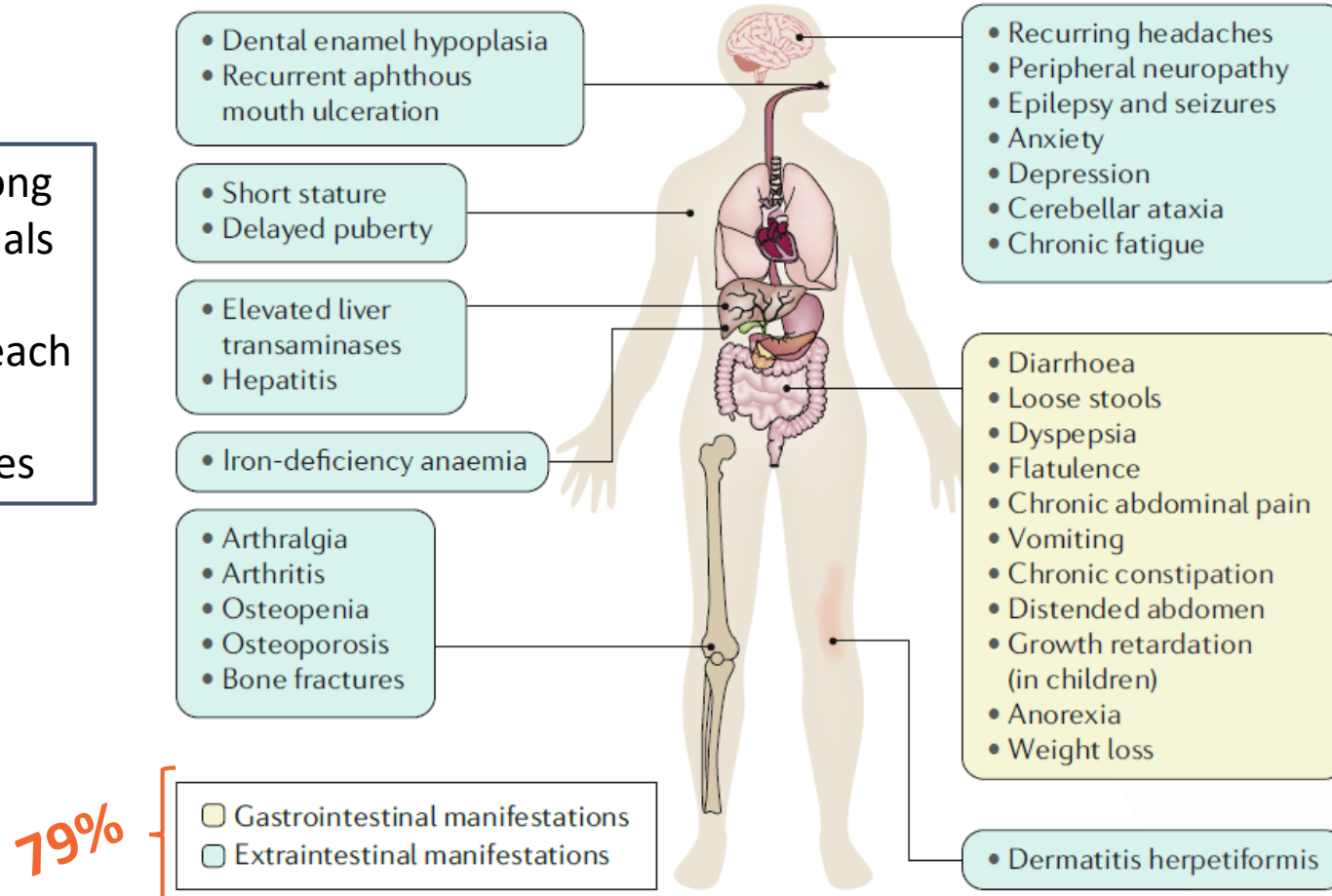


Fig. 6 | **The clinical manifestations of coeliac disease.** Coeliac disease can have diverse clinical presentations in addition to the classically anticipated gastrointestinal symptoms.

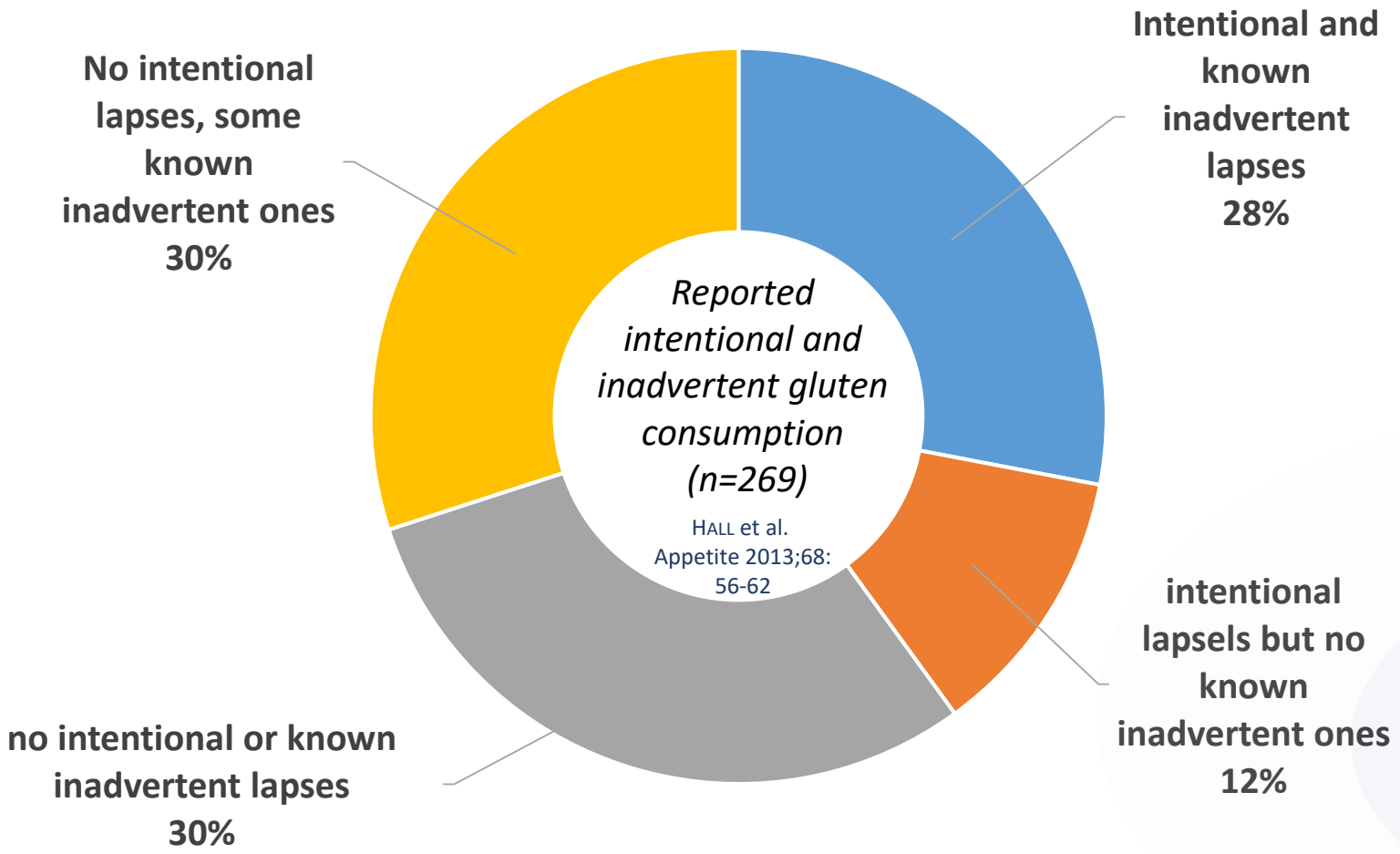


Fallacies and Facts

*“a gluten-free diet (GFD) has **solved the problem** of coeliac disease”*

7-30%
“nonresponsive celiac disease”
(NRCD)

0.04-1.5%
“refractory celiac disease”

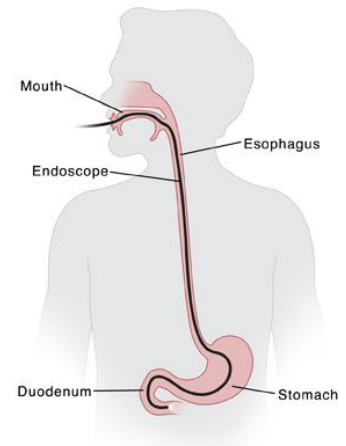


All guidelines:
lifelong adherence to strict GFD

Multidisciplinary monitoring

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Fallacies and Facts



Diagnosis:
small intestinal mucosal morphology
 +
serology testing

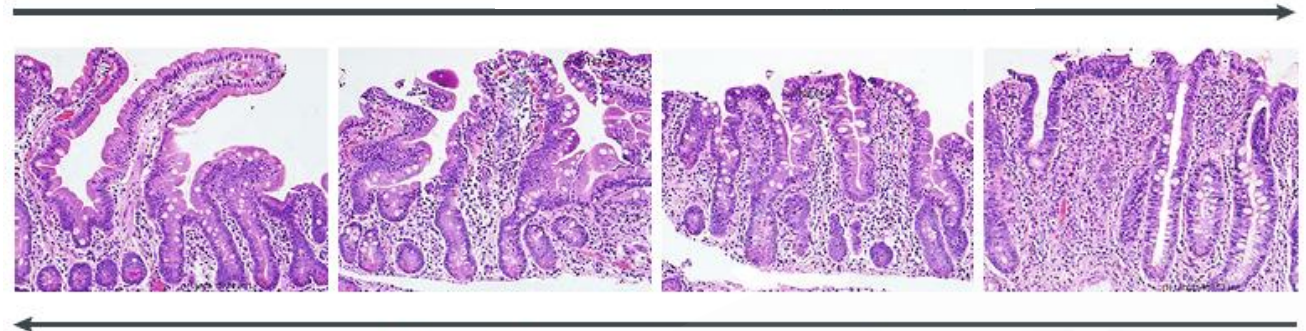
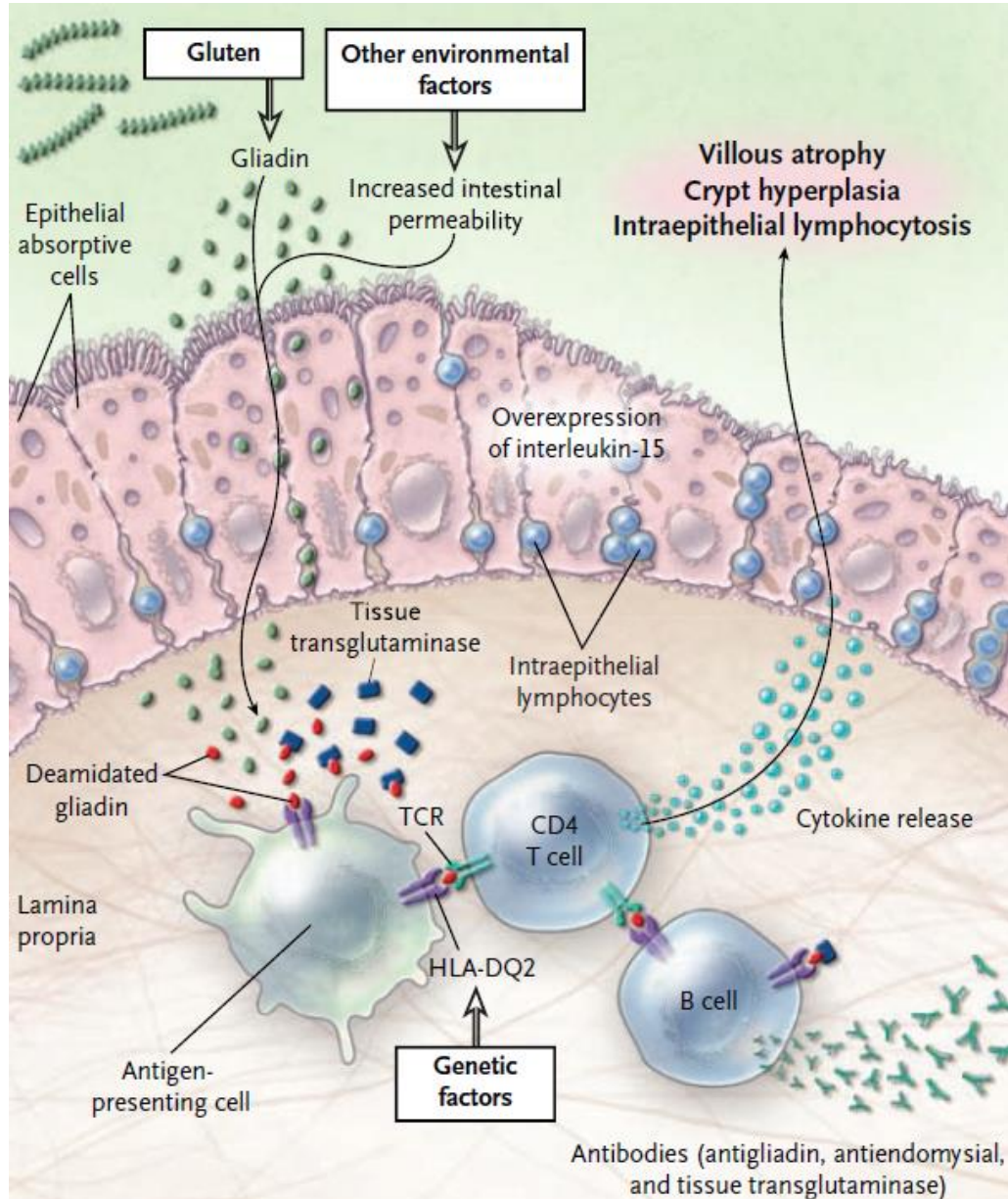


Fig. 7 | The continuum of small intestinal mucosal damage in coeliac disease. In coeliac disease, gluten-induced small intestinal mucosal lesions develop over time, from normal villous architecture (far-left panel) to mucosal inflammation with crypt hyperplasia (middle-left panel) and finally progressing to villous atrophy with crypt hyperplasia (middle-right and far-right panels). Images are mucosal sections cut perpendicular to the luminal surface from biopsy samples from patients with coeliac disease. Damage to the mucosa reverses upon the initiation of a strict gluten-free diet. Figure adapted from REF.²²¹, Springer Nature Limited.

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Table 2. Sensitivity and specificity of different serological tests.

Antigen	Antibody type	Sensitivity, % (range)	Specificity, % (range)
Gliadin <i>obsolete</i>	IgA	85 (57-100)	90 (47-94)
	IgG	80 (42-100)	80 (50-94)
Endomysium Indirect immunofluorescence (IIF)	IgA	95 (86-100)	99 (97-100)
	IgG	80 (70-90)	97 (95-100)
Tissue transglutaminase ELISA-based (CLIA, FEIA)	IgA	98 (78-100)	98 (90-100)
	IgG	70 (45-95)	95 (94-100)
Deamidated gliadin peptide ELISA-based (CLIA, FEIA)	IgA	88 (74-100)	90 (80-95)
	IgG	80 (70-95)	98 (95-100)

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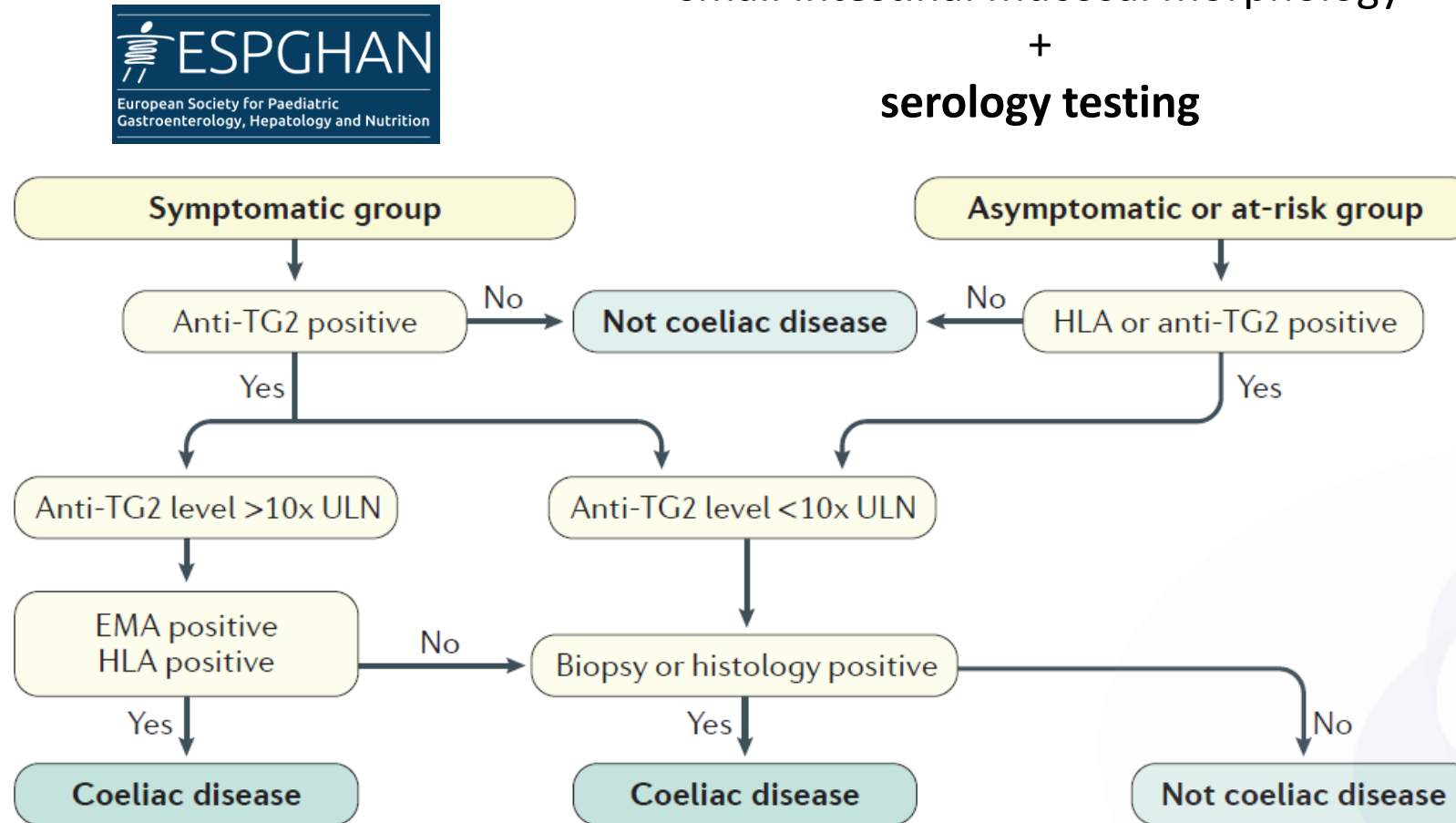


Figure 1 | **Suggested biopsy-avoiding diagnostic pathway for coeliac disease.** Non-biopsy diagnosis of coeliac disease based on the European Society for the Study of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition criteria in a symptomatic child with strongly positive tissue transglutaminase 2 antibody (anti-TG2) values, >10 times the upper limit of normal (ULN), a positive endomysial IgA antibody (EMA) on another blood sample and the presence of the appropriate HLA type. On the right is the process for an asymptomatic or at-risk child. A positive anti-TG2 result should lead to biopsies and histological analysis for diagnosis.

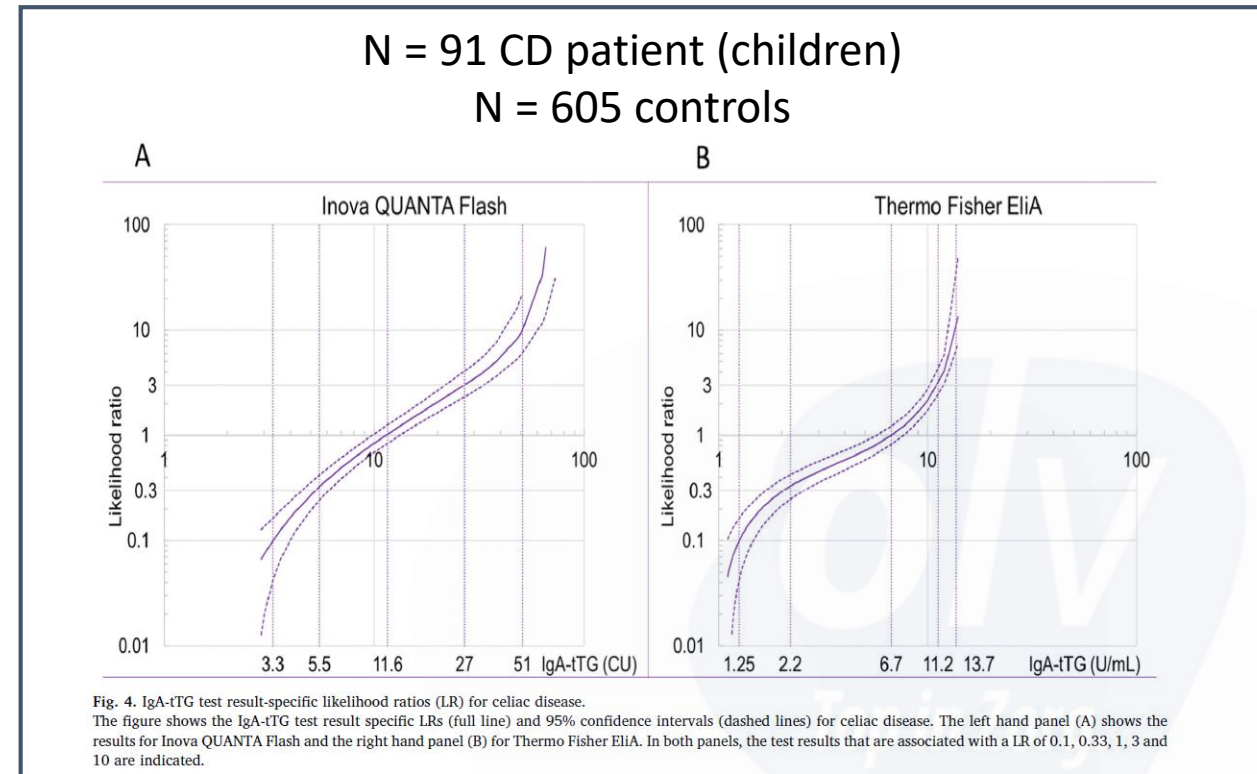
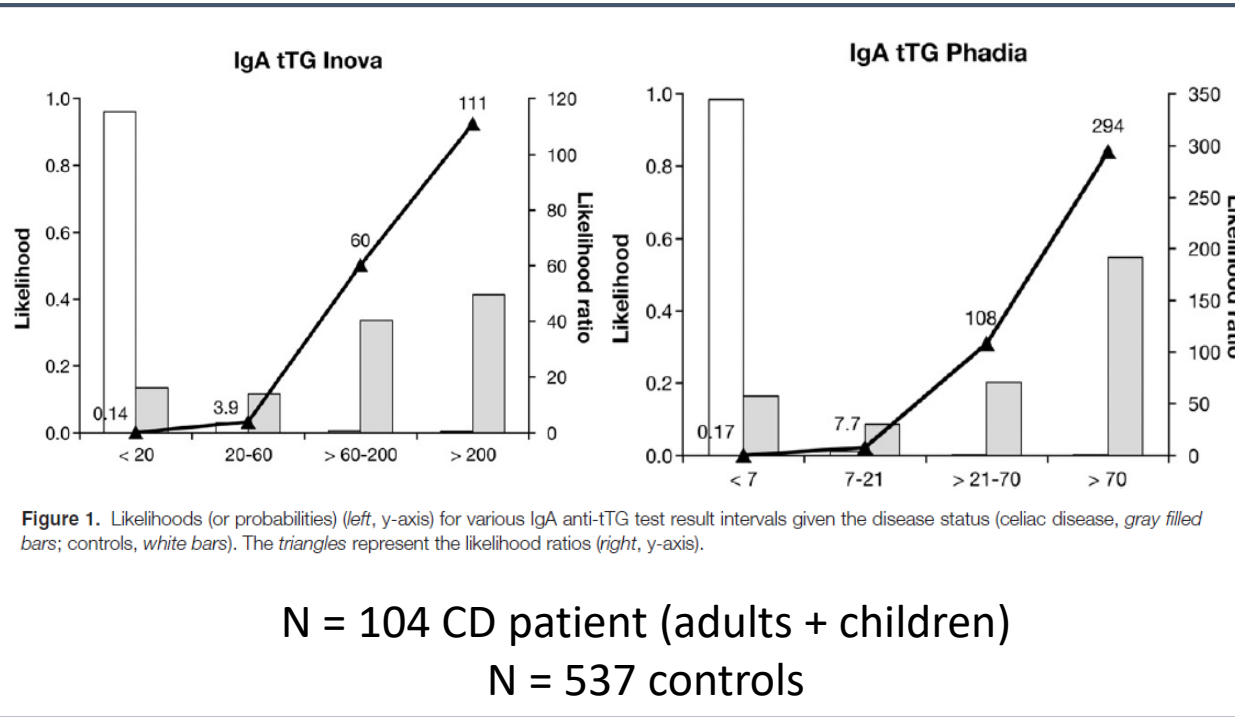
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↑ tTG IgA → ↑ LR for CD

Thresholds tTG IgA:

better based on **predefined LR's** or on **pre-defined specificities**

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Monitoring:

serological usefulness less evidence-based

Questions Critically Appraised Topic

- 1) How does the **kinetic profile** differ between the **different serological assays** (tTG IgA/IgG vs. DGP IgA/IgG)?
- 2) Is the **clinical interpretation dependent** on the **assay** that is used (Thermo Fisher vs. INOVA)?
- 3) How does **serological status, complaints and routine laboratory test** differ between **strictly, partially and non-compliant CD patients**?

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PART 1

Pre- and post-test probabilities of coeliac disease

Review

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Optimization of serologic diagnosis of celiac disease in the pediatric setting

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PART 2

Prospective sample collection

start November 2016

Patients (>2 years old)
with GI and/or non-specific symptoms
Confirmation CD by serology + biopsy

start of GFD

- T = 0 months
- T = 3 months
- T = 6 months
- T = 12 months
- T = 24 months

- Clinical assessment by treating physician
- Complaints diary completed by patient
- Blood sample: tTG-IgA, Hb, AST, ALT, Iron, Ferritin, 25-OH-D

Additional analyses April 2021

anti-tissue transglutaminase (tTG) IgA and IgG
deamidated gliadin peptide (DGP) IgA and IgG

INOVA (CLIA)
Thermo Fisher (FEIA)

We vragen u om in het kader van de vragenlijst de symptomen te quoteren van 0 tot 10. U kan niks of u ervaart. Het gaat voornamelijk om de klachten die u hebt, geeft u dit aan met een 0 tot en de 4. Bij veel klachten kunt u

Complaints diary score sytem:

- no complaints: "0"
- maximum complaints "10"

net glutenallergie te om de klachten die u heeft u geen klachten en cijfer tussen de 1

Omcirkel voor de volgende symptomen een cijfer van 0 tot 10.

Anorexie/niet willen eten: *anorexia / refusal to eat*
0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10

Aanslepende diarree: *persistent diarrhoea*
0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10

Obstipatie: *constipation*
0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10

Gewichtsverlies: *loss-of-weight*
0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10

Braken: *vomiting*
0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10

Irritabiliteit: *irritability*
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Huidproblemen: *skin problems*
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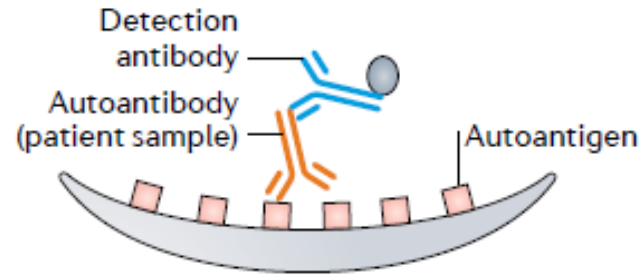
Aften in de mond: *Aphthous stomatitis*
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Hoofdpijn: *headache*
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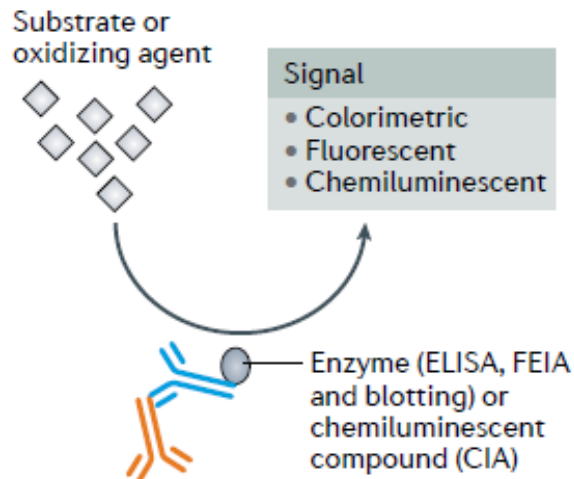
Vermoeidheid: *tiredness*
0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10

Study protocol

Antibody labelling



Antibody detection



anti-tissue transglutaminase (**tTG**) IgA and IgG
deamidated gliadin peptide (**DGP**) IgA and IgG

INOVA (CLIA)
Thermo Fisher (FEIA)



FEIA = fluorescence enzyme immunoassay

ThermoFisher
SCIENTIFIC

Celikey[®] IgA – Celikey[®] IgG
Gliadin^{DP} IgA – Gliadin^{DP} IgG

Negative <7 EliA U/mL
Dubious 7-10 EliA U/mL
Positive >10 EliA U/mL



CLIA = chemiluminescent immunoassay

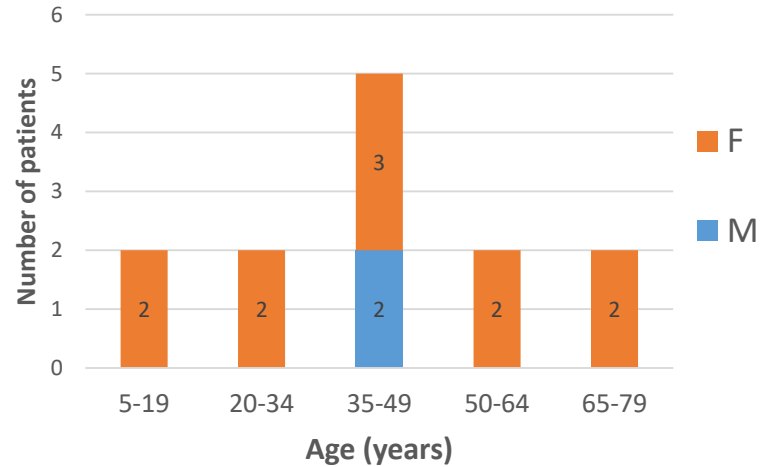
Inova
Diagnostics
A Werfen Company

QUANTA Flash[®] h-tTG IgA – QUANTA Flash[®] h-tTG IgG
QUANTA Flash[®] DGP IgA – QUANTA Flash[®] DGP IgG

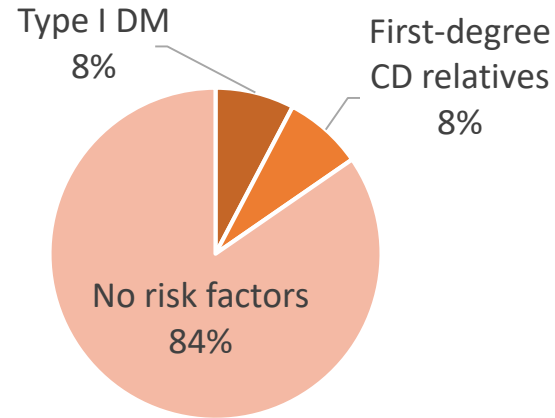
Negative <20 CU
Weak positive 20-30 CU
Positive >30 CU

Sample collection (n = 13) – data at diagnosis

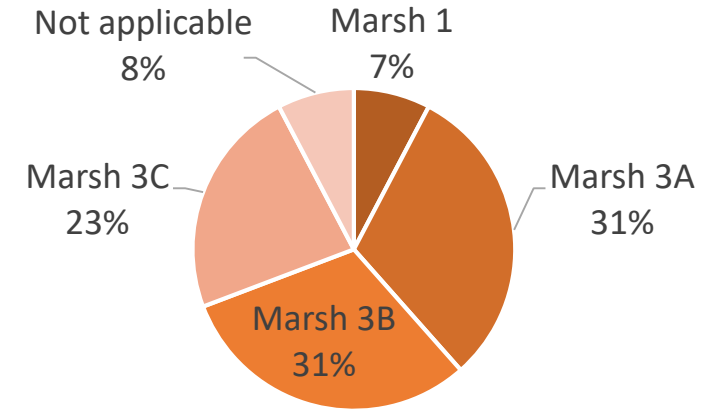
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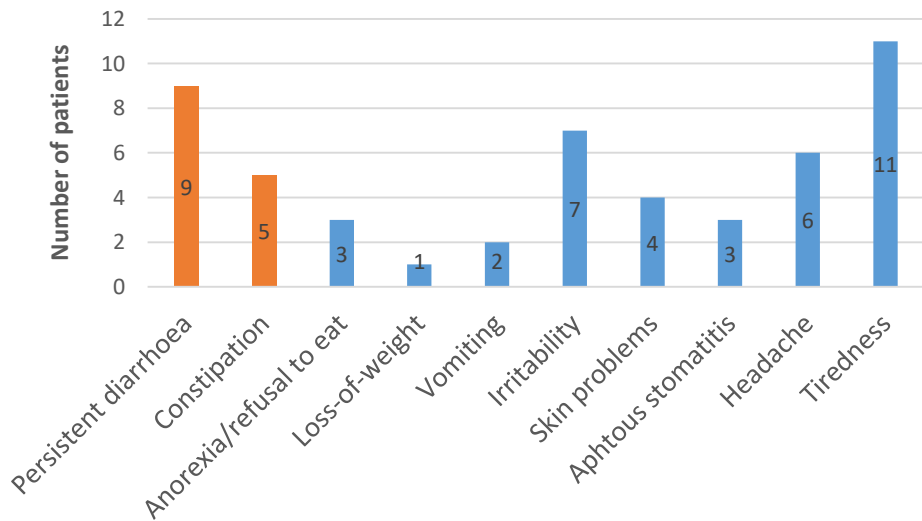
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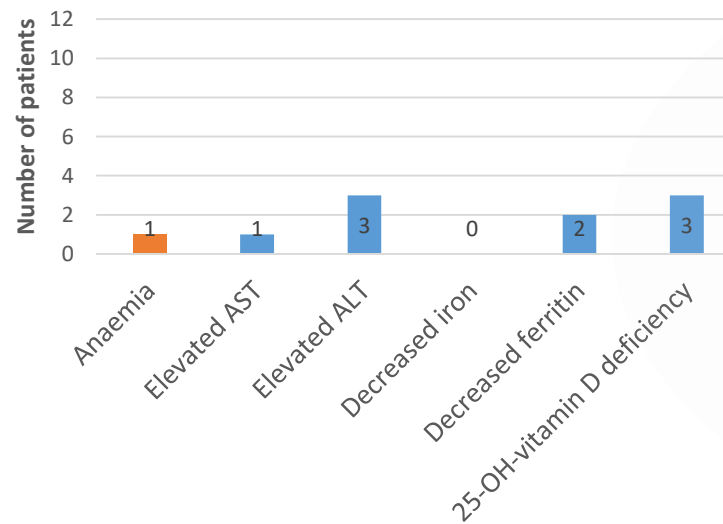
Histological findings



Patient complaints



Laboratory data



Conclusions

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↑ prevalence of extra-intestinal symptoms

↓ prevalence of biochemistry/hematological abnormalities at t=0

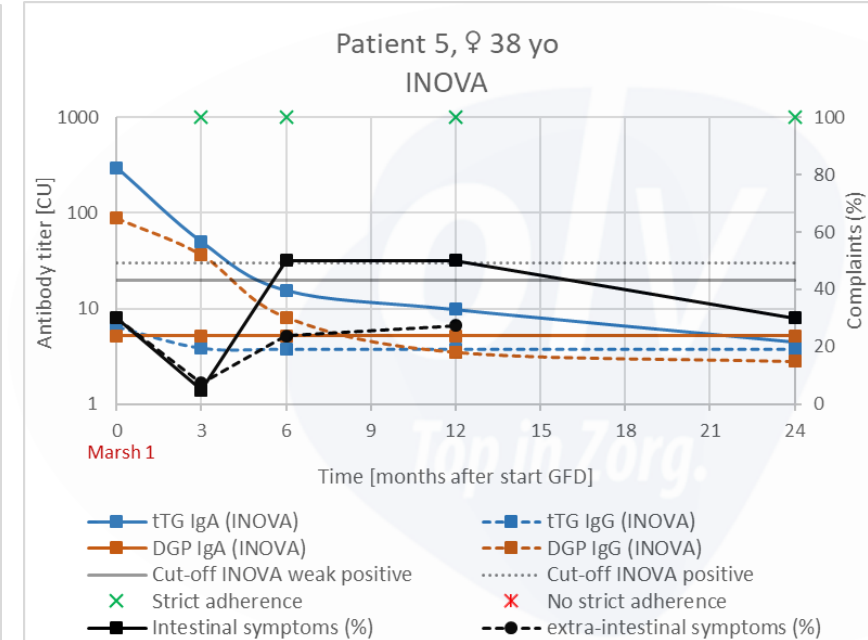
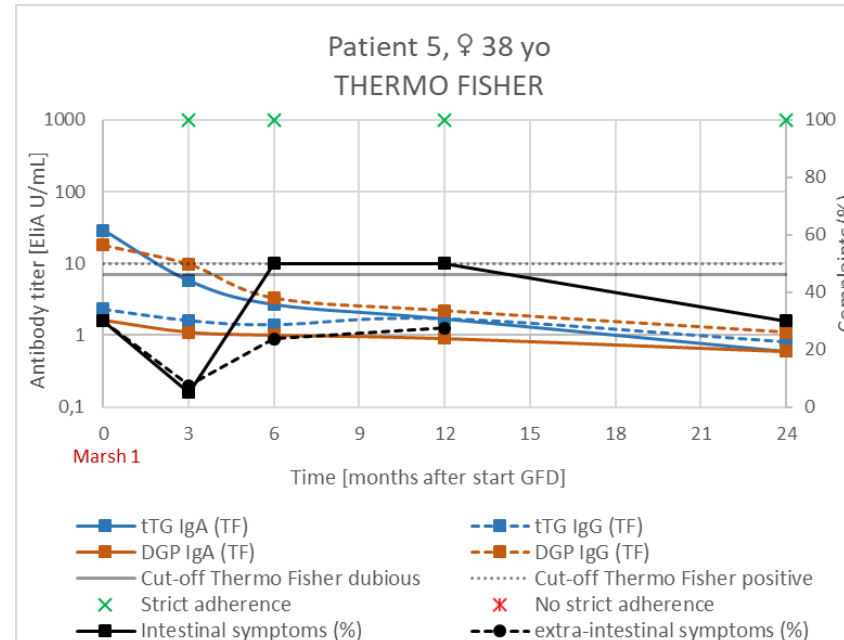
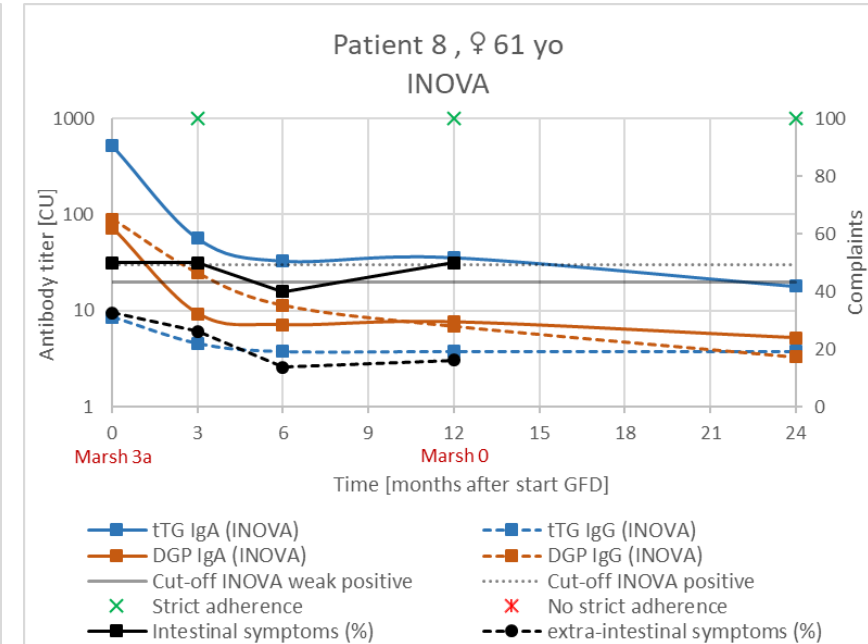
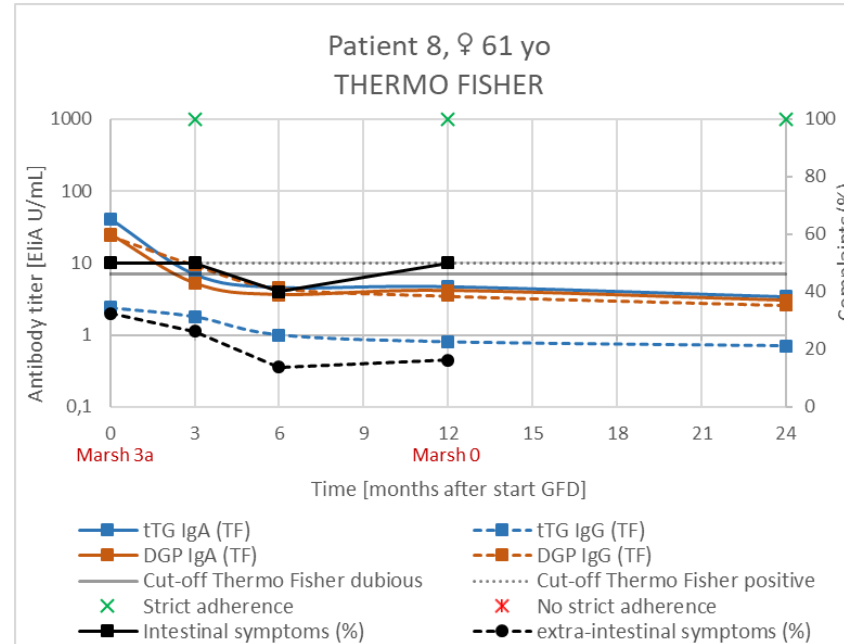
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100% compliant (n=7)

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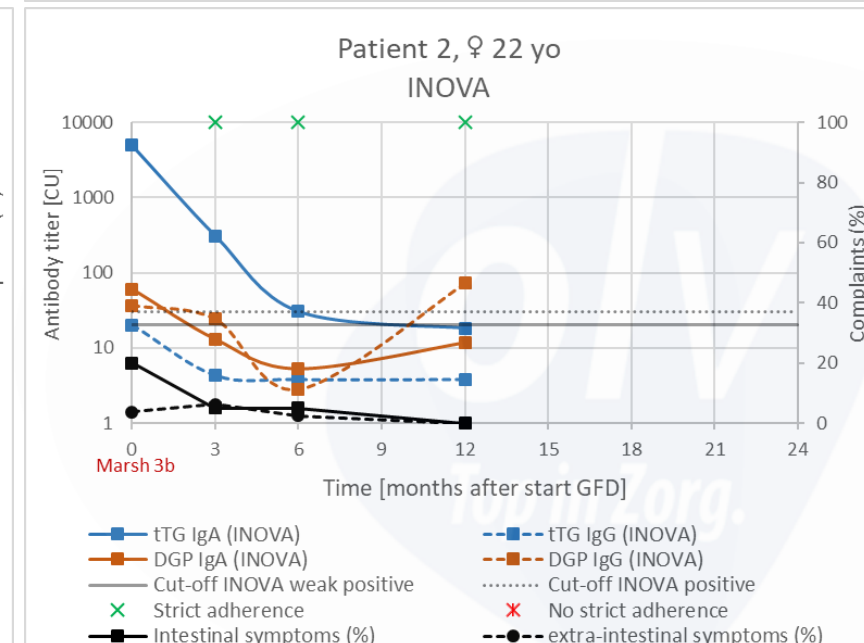
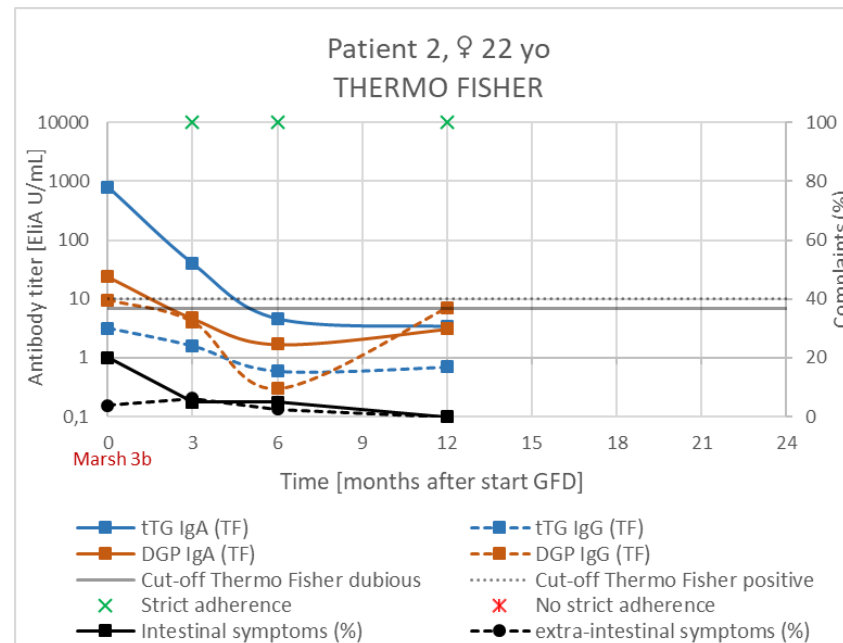
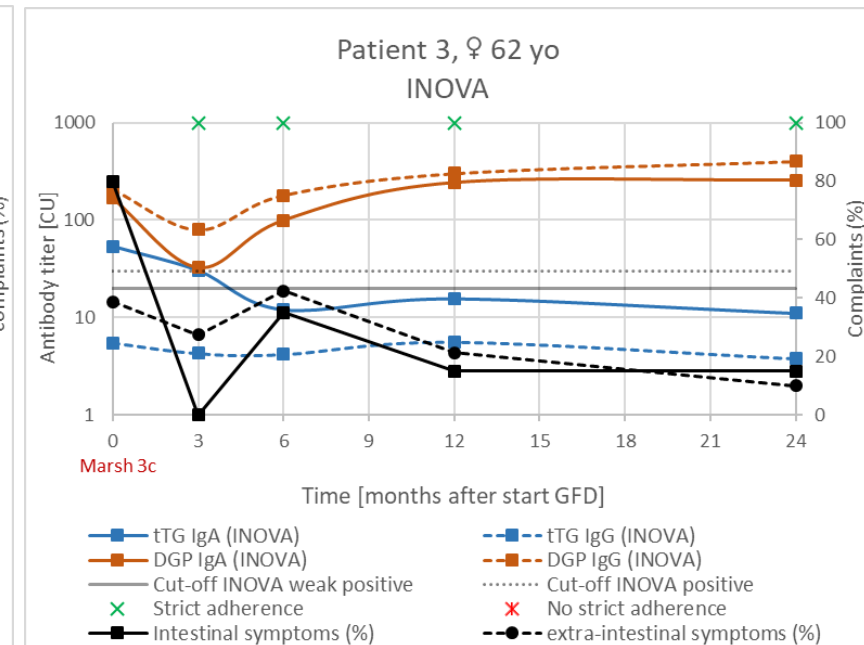
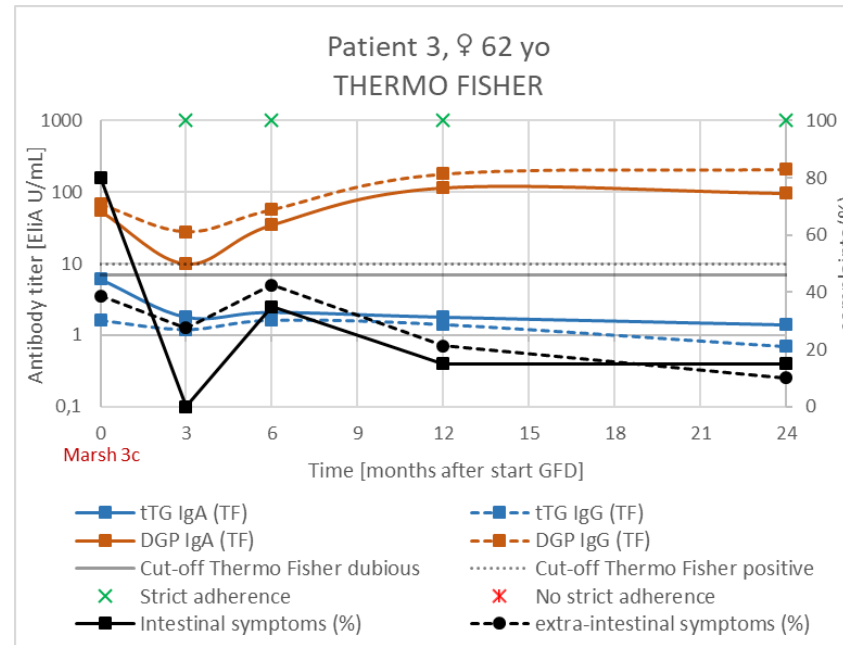
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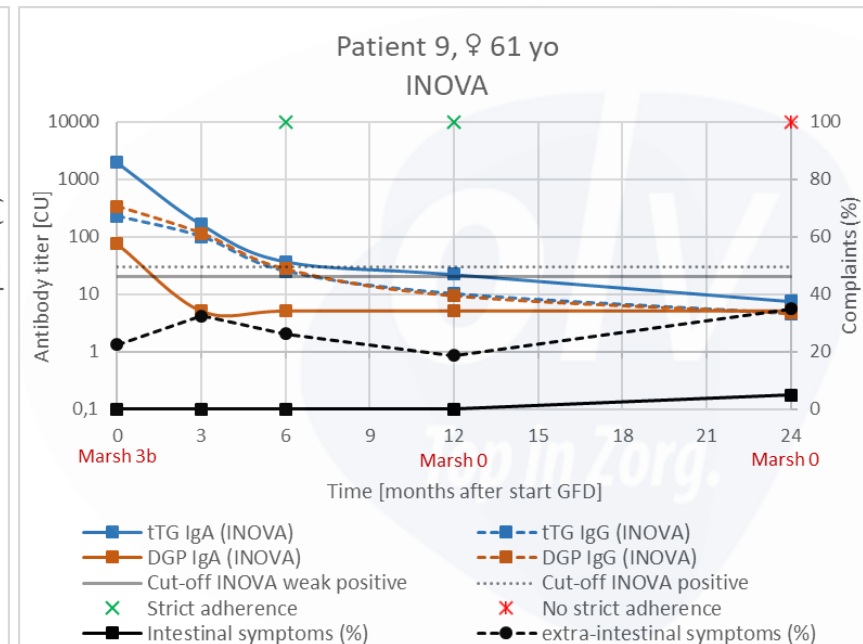
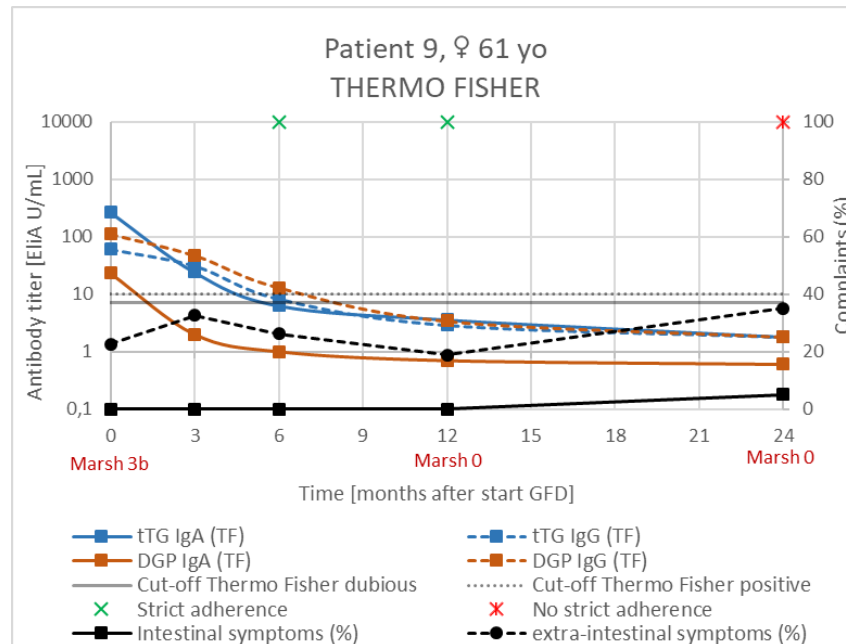
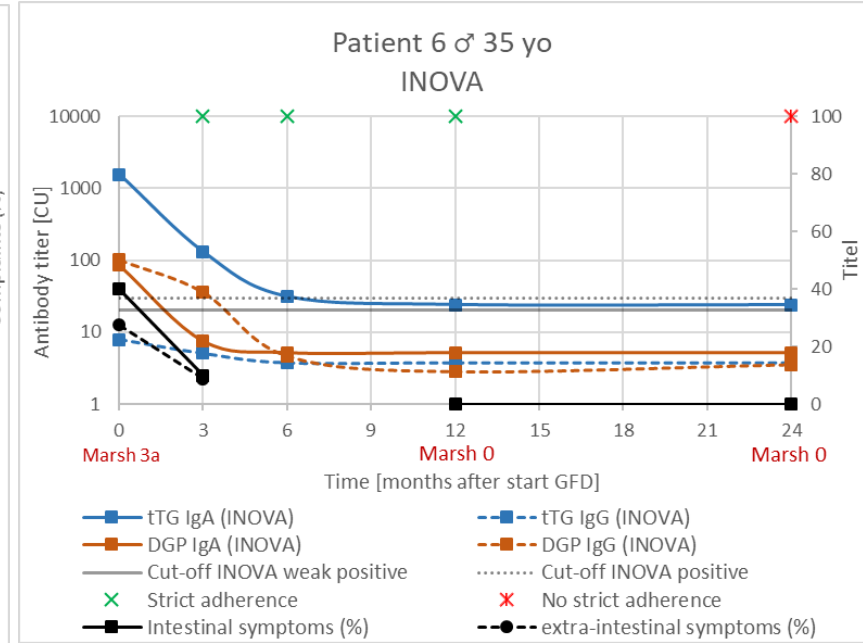
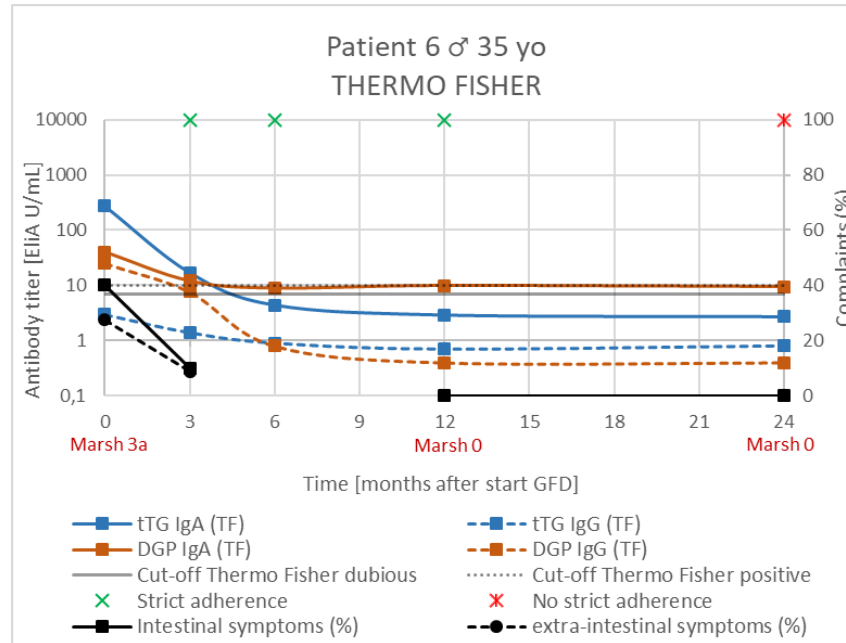
GFD adherence :
Partially compliant (n=2)

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GFD adherence :
Non-compliant (n=2)

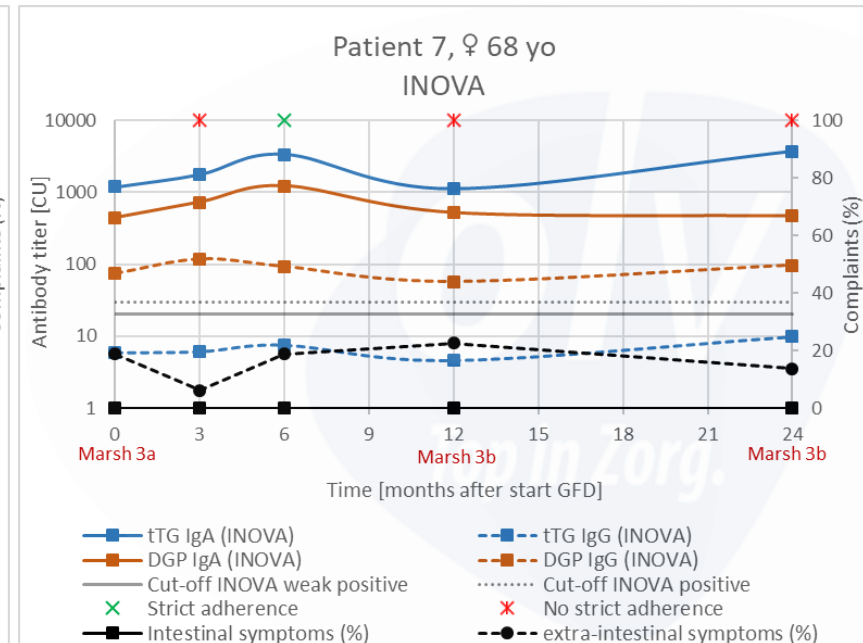
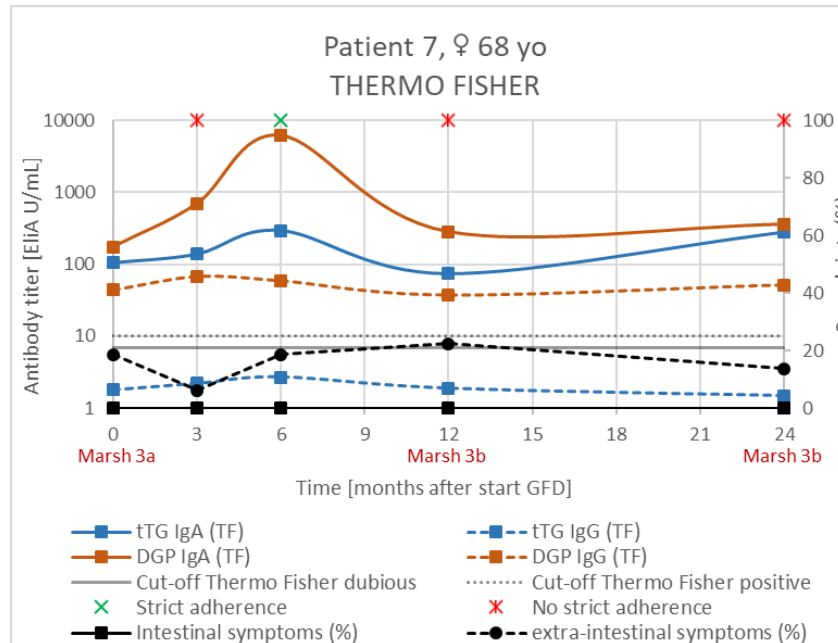
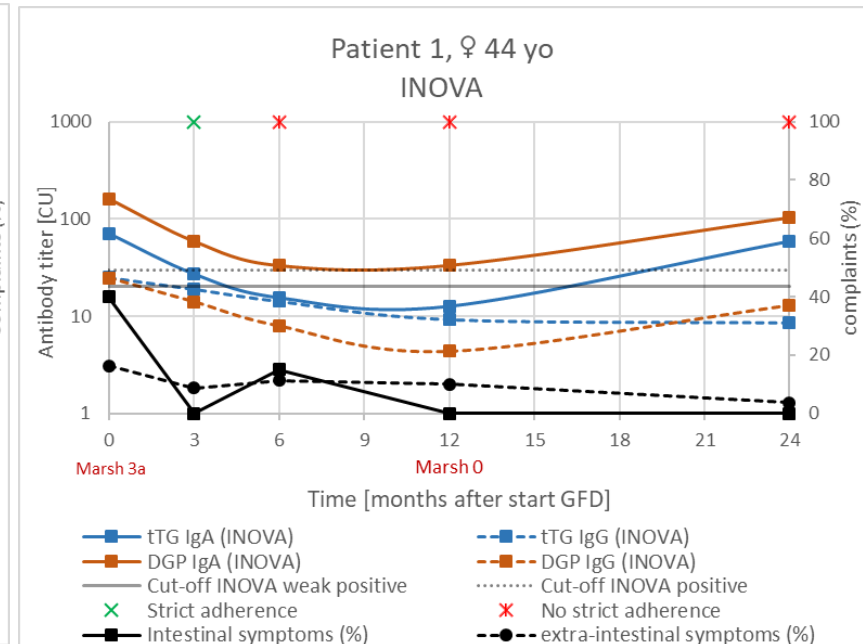
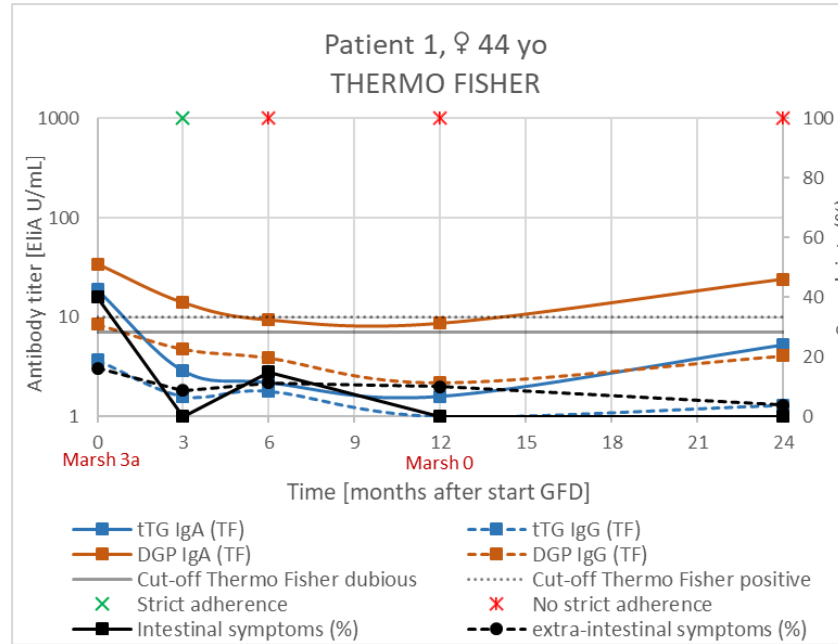
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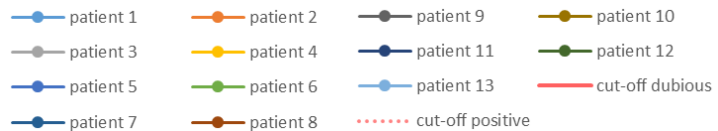
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Total kinetics (n=13)



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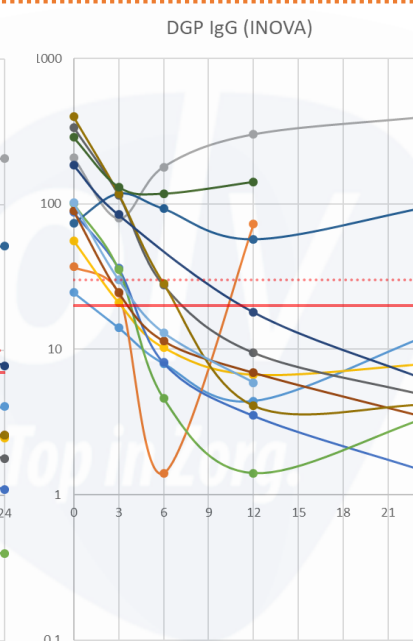
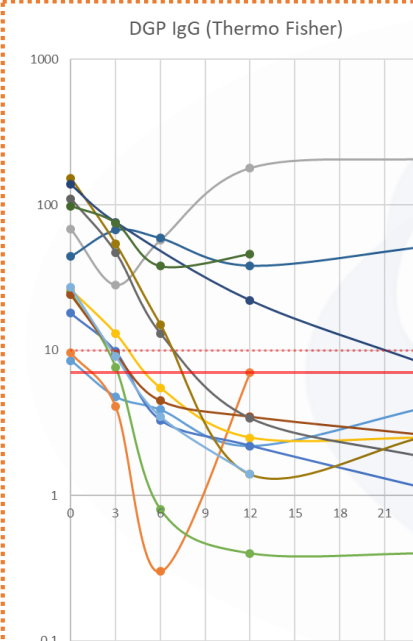
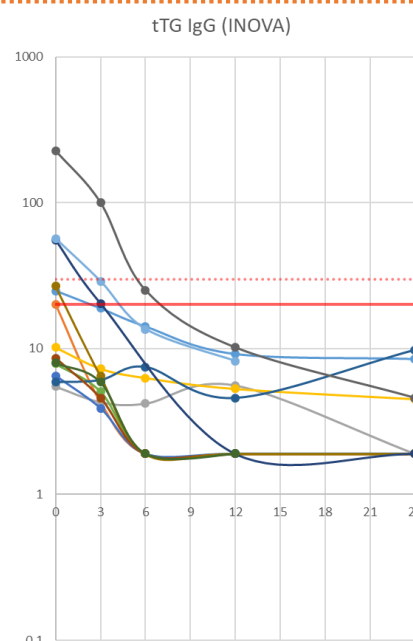
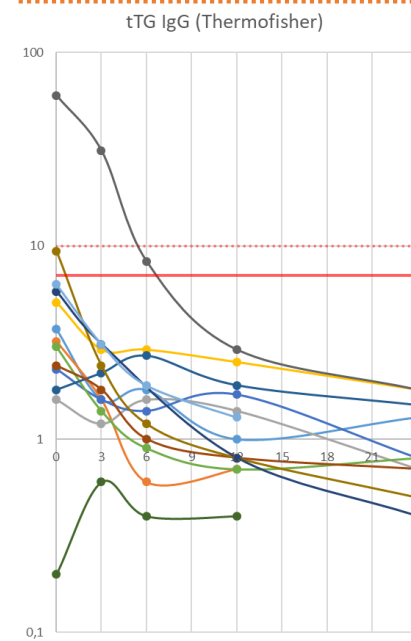
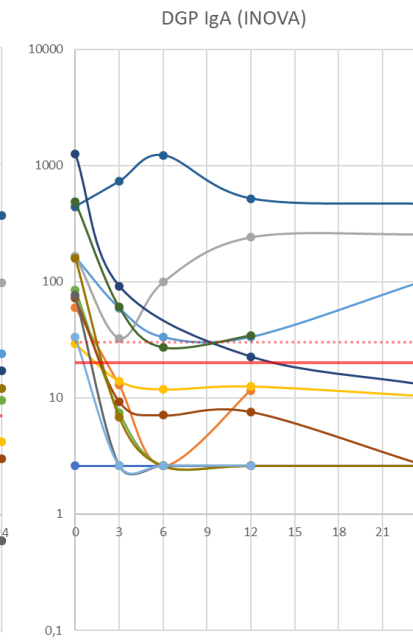
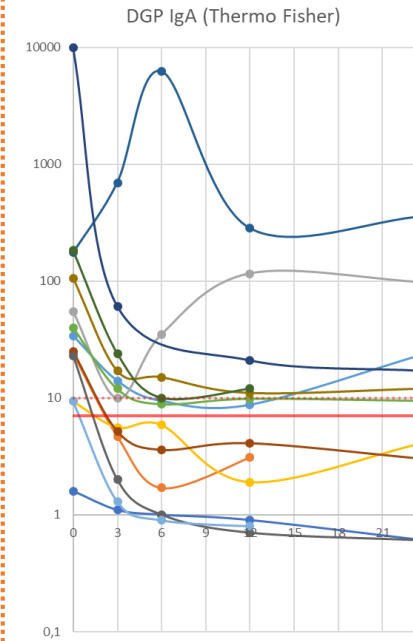
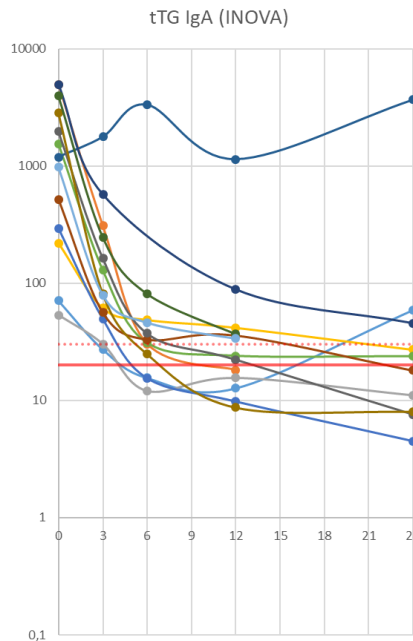
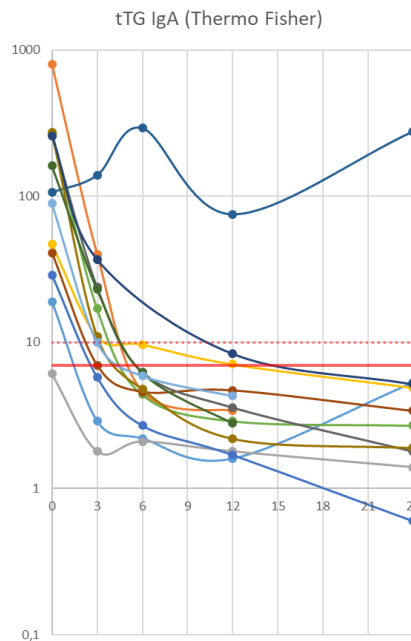
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Kinetic profile **tTG IgG** less pronounced

Differences in cut-offs defined by manufacturer, result in **different clinical interpretation**



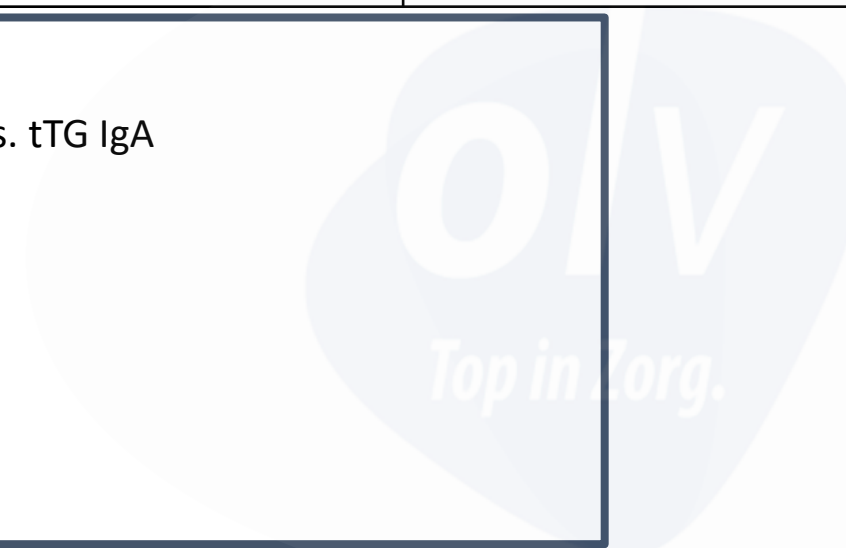
Clinical interpretation of antibody titers

All patients, n = 13

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tTG IgA TF	13	1 (7.7%)	1	13	3	7	12	10	11	13	10	12	10	9	9
tTG IgG TF	13	11 (84.6%)	p<0.001	13	12		12	11		13	13		10	10	
DGP IgA TF	13	1 (7.7%)		13	6		12	6		13	6		10	4	
DGP IgG TF	13	0 (0.0%)		13	2		12	7		13	8		10	7	
tTG IgA IN	13	0 (0.0%)	2	13	0	7	12	3	11	13	5	12	10	5	9
tTG IgG IN	13	7 (53.8%)	p=0.002	13	10		12	11		13	13		10	10	
DGP IgA IN	13	1 (7.7%)		13	8		12	8		13	8		10	7	
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tTG IgG TF				13	12		12	11		13	13		10	10	
DGP IgA TF	13	1 (7.7%)	<i>p=1.000</i>	13	6 (46.2%)	<i>p=0.225</i>	12	6 (50.0%)	<i>p=0.327</i>	13	6 (46.2%)	<i>p=0.114</i>	10	4 (40.0%)	<i>p=0.022</i>
DGP IgG TF				13	2		12	7		13	8		10	7	
tTG IgA IN	13	0 (0.0%)	2	13	0 (0.0%)	7	12	3 (25.0%)	11	13	5 (38.5%)	12	10	5 (50.0%)	9
tTG IgG IN				13	10		12	11		13	13		10	10	
DGP IgA IN	13	1 (7.7%)	<i>p=0.317</i>	13	8 (61.5%)	<i>p<0.001</i>	12	8 (66.7%)	<i>p=0.045</i>	13	8 (61.5%)	<i>p=0.249</i>	10	7 (70.0%)	<i>p=0.374</i>
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Significantly **different interpretation** of kinetic profile **tTG IgA** depending on the **assay** used

PART 1

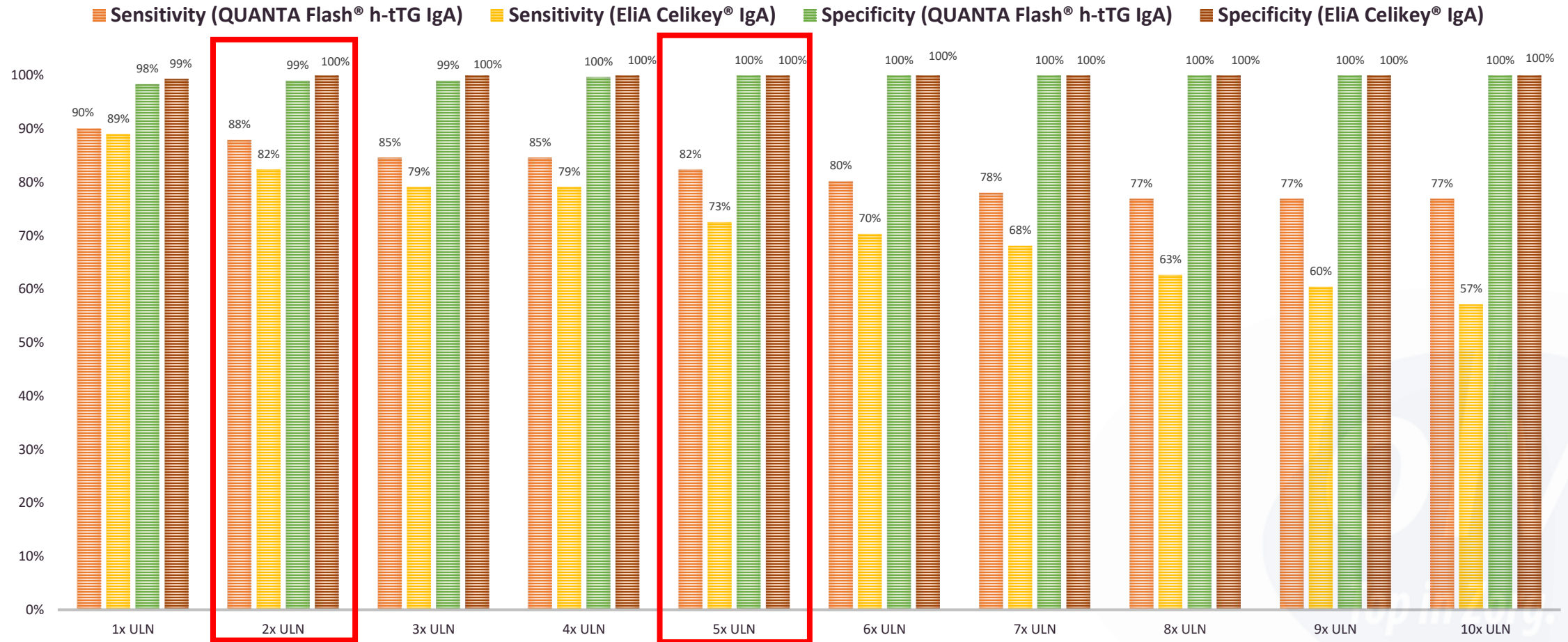
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CD patients, n = 91
Controls, n = 605

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tTG IgA TF	13	1 (7.7%)	1 (7.7%)	13	3 (23.1%)	7 (53.8%)	12	10 (83.3%)	11 (91.7%)	13	10 (76.9%)	12 (92.3%)	10	9 (90.0%)	9 (90.0%)
tTG IgG TF	13	11		13	12		12	11		13	13		10	10	
DGP IgA TF	13	1		13	6		12	6		13	6		10	4	
DGP IgG TF	13	0		13	2		12	7		13	8		10	7	
tTG IgA IN	13	0 (0.0%)	2 (15.4%)	13	0 (0.0%)	7 (53.8%)	12	3 (25.0%)	11 (91.7%)	13	5 (38.5%)	12 (92.3%)	10	5 (50.0%)	9 (90.0%)
tTG IgG IN	13	7		13	10		12	11		13	13		10	10	
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DGP IgG IN	13	0		13	1		12	7		13	9		10	8	

CONCLUSIONS

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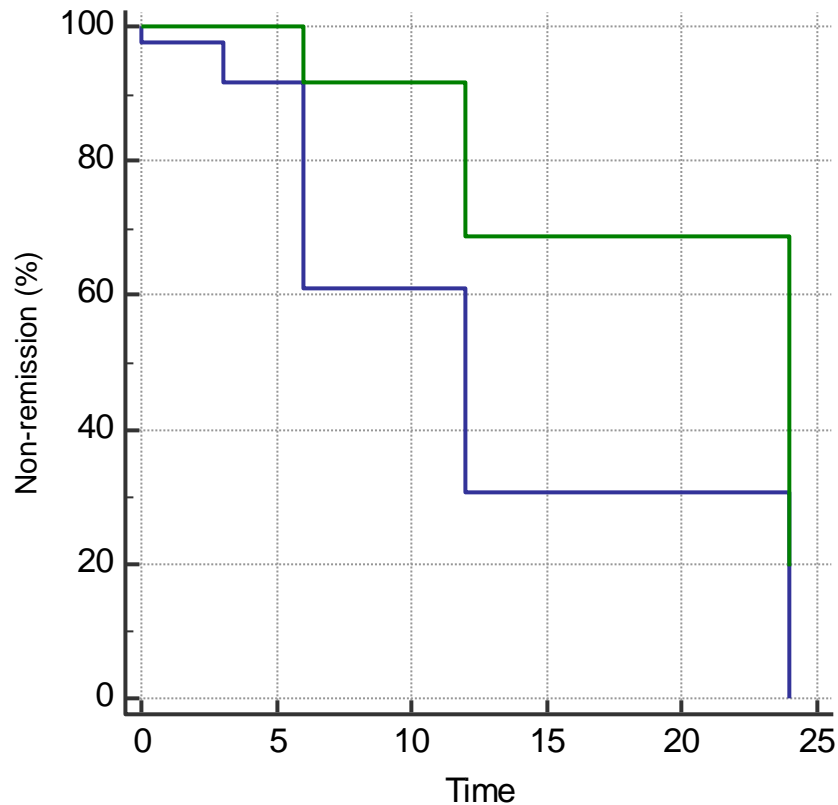
No significant differences in clinical interpretation between **DPG assays**; IgA DGP tends to normalize sooner than IgG DGP (t3)

Time to serological remission of tTG IgA

100% compliant + partially compliant patients (n = 9)

Excluding: non-compliant patients (n = 2), data incomplete (n = 2)

Kaplan-Meier curve analysis
Manufacturer's cut-off



Mean time to remission (months)	95% CI mean
Thermo Fisher 13.0	10.0-16.0
INOVA 19.8	16.7-22.8

p=0.001

Kaplan-Meier curve analysis
Harmonized cut-offs (100% Spec)*



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p=1.000

*BOGAERT et al. AIR 2020; 19: 102513

Fallacies and Facts

Prospective study results

Discussion

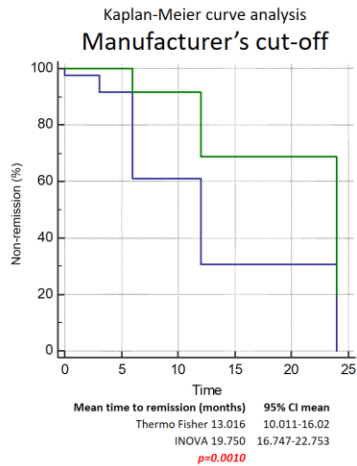
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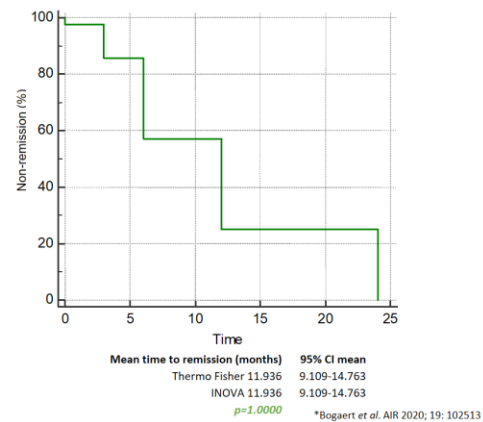
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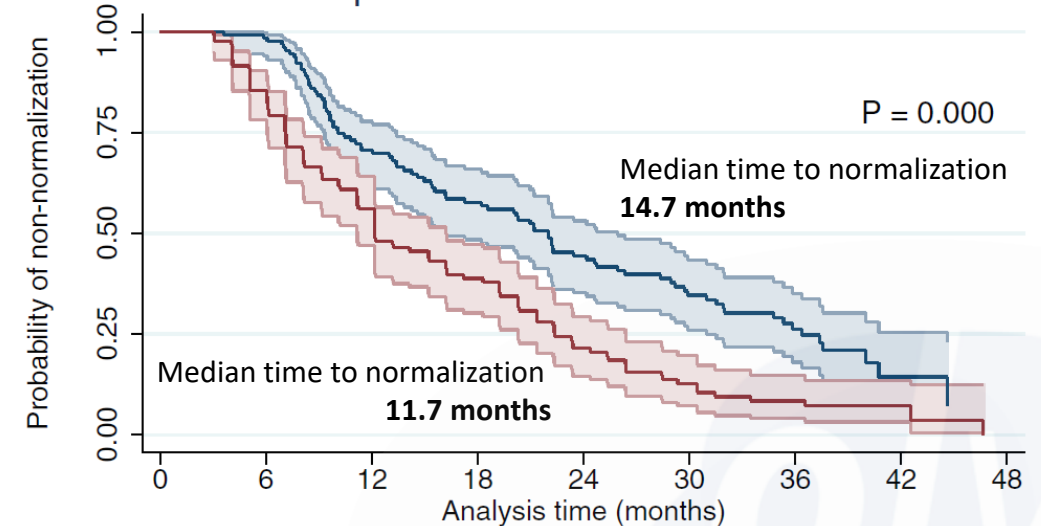
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Kaplan-Meier survival estimates



N° available
(normalized)

CLIA	130 (2)	128 (35)	85 (15)	65 (15)	49 (10)	33 (7)	18 (5)	4 (1)	1
ELISA	131 (19)	111 (37)	70 (21)	45 (19)	22 (9)	12 (4)	7 (1)	2 (2)	0

95% CI 95% CI CLIA ELISA

FIGURE 1. Kaplan-Meier analysis demonstrating rate and time of antitissue transglutaminase (atTG) normalization over time after starting gluten-free diet. CI = confidence interval; CLIA = chemiluminescence immunoassay; ELISA = enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay.

 **Inova**
Diagnostics
A Werfen Company

 **ThermoFisher**
SCIENTIFIC

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Table 6. Positive (PPV) and negative predictive values (NPV) for fair to poor gluten-free diet (GFD) adherence

Test	PPV	NPV	PPV GFD ≥ 12 months	NPV GFD ≥ 12 months
IgA anti-tTG ≥ 20 (n = 49)	30.6%	83.2%	53.8%	84.5%
IgA DGP ≥ 20 (n = 46)	30.6%	81.7%	50.0%	86.7%
IgG DGP ≥ 20 (n = 29)	31.0%	80.5%	42.8%	82.5%
IgA-IgG DGP ≥ 20 (n = 35)	31.4%	82.1%	55.6%	83.9%
Self-report ≠ highly adherent (n = 28)	42.9%	86.5%	42.1%	84.8%
Self-report ≠ highly adherent + IgA anti-tTG ≥ 20 (n = 15)	60.0%	87.6%	80.0%	86.7%

DGP, deamidated gliadin peptides; tTG, transglutaminase. (ELISA, INOVA)

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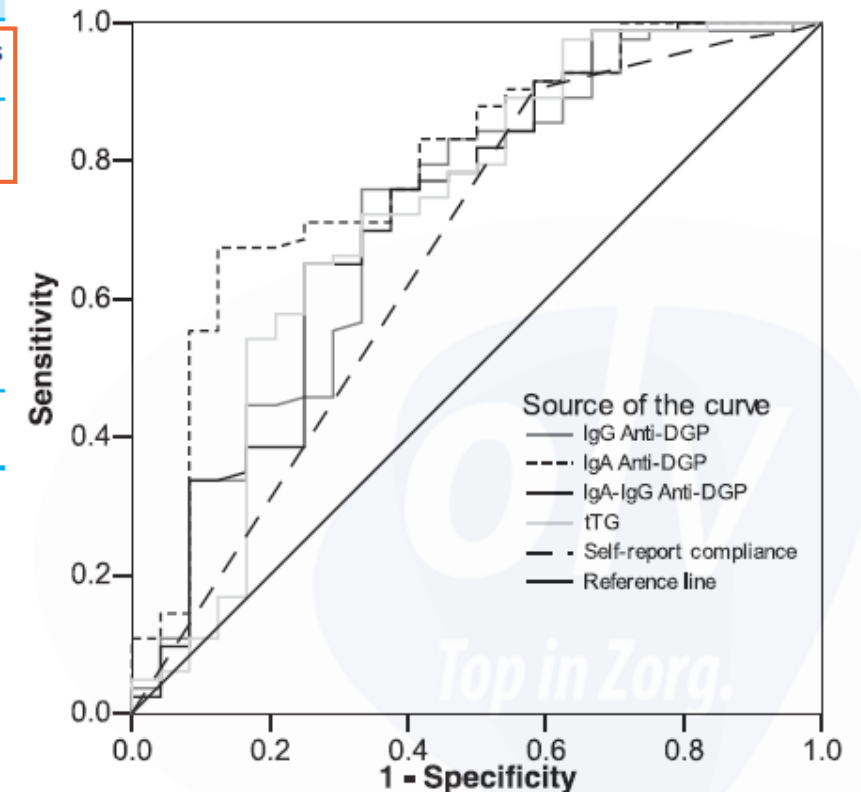
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Testing for fecal gluten immunogenic peptides: a useful tool to evaluate compliance with gluten-free diet by celiacs

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Participants on gluten-free diet > 12 months n = 107



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 - **surrogate marker?** → detecting **persistent villous atrophy** in patients on a GFD?

Table 5. Sub-group Analysis of Factors Associated With Assay Performance

tTG IgA				EMA IgA			
Subgroup	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)	AUC	Subgroup	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)	AUC
All studies (n=13)	0.42 (0.32–0.53)	0.83 (0.79–0.87)	0.764	All studies (n=20) ^a	0.45 (0.34–0.57)	0.91 (0.87–0.94)	0.871
Age				Age			
Pediatric (n=2)	0.70 (0.38–0.90)	0.87 (0.80–0.91)	0.879	Pediatric (n=5)	0.74 (0.35–0.94)	0.78 (0.66–0.87)	0.806
Adult (n=9)	0.38 (0.27–0.51)	0.80 (0.75–0.85)	0.720	Adult (n=16)	0.39 (0.50–0.71)	0.93 (0.90–0.95)	0.906

Supplementary Table 1. Sensitivity and Specificity of DGP IgG and DGP IgA Antibody Tests for Persistent Villous Atrophy in Patients With Celiac Disease Following a Gluten-Free Diet

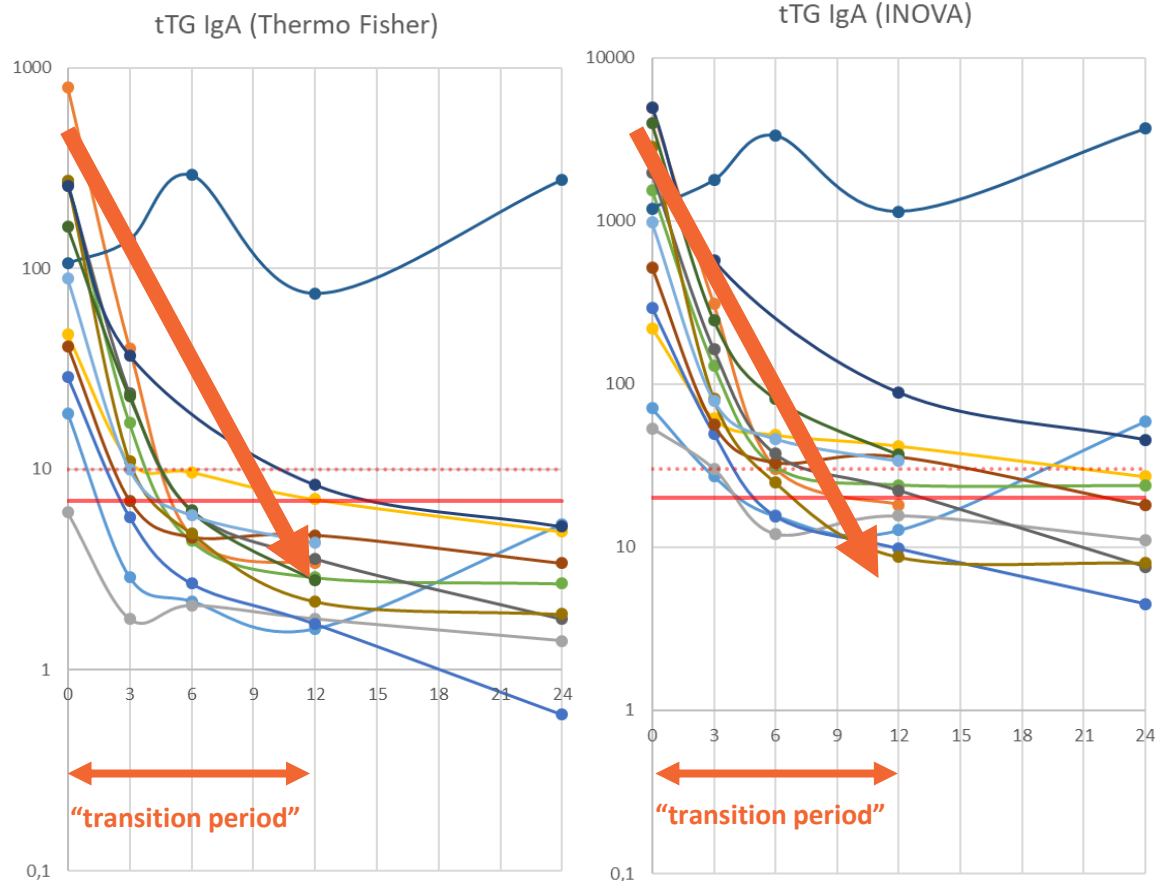
Study	No. of Subjects	Persistent Villous Atrophy n (%)	Sensitivity	Specificity
DGP IgG				
Bannister et al, 2014 ²⁴	150 ^a	8 (5)	0.29	0.96
Vécsei et al, 2014 ⁴¹	53	6 (11)	0.83	0.79
Volta et al, 2008 ²⁸	53	15 (28)	0.60	0.90
DGP IgA				
Vécsei et al, 2014 ⁴¹	53	6 (11)	0.67	0.66
Volta et al, 2008 ²⁸	53	15 (28)	0.67	0.79

^aSensitivity and specificity calculations exclude 8 patients with indeterminate results (Marsh 0: 5, Marsh 1: 2, Marsh 3: 1).



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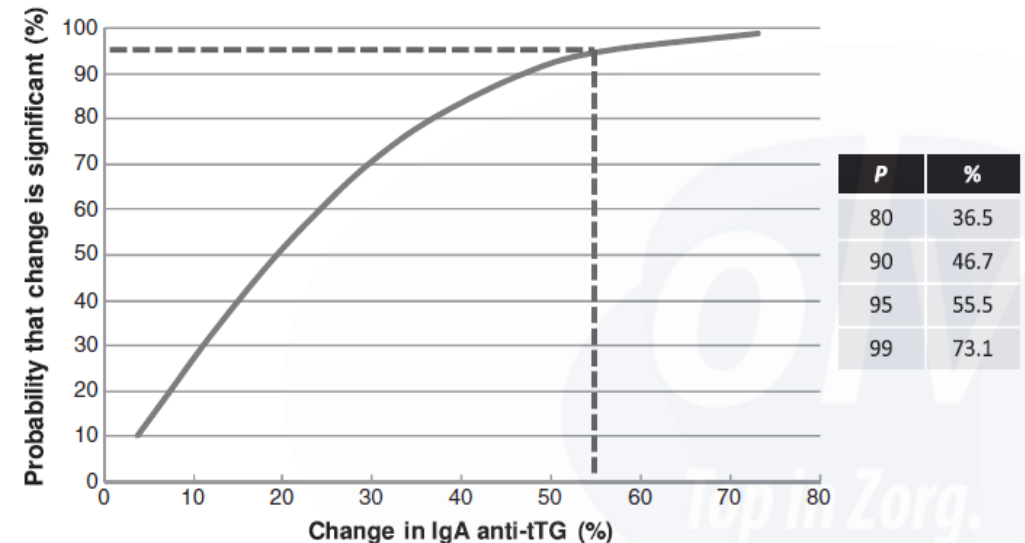


Fig. 2. Curve generated from the RCV equation relating the percentage of change between two consecutive results of IgA anti-tTG to the probability that this change is significant. The dashed line marks the percentage variation between two IgA anti-tTG determinations needed to reach a 95% statistical significance level. The table on the right indicates the percentage of change (%) needed for statistical significance at different probability thresholds (P).

OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

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tTG IgG lower CD diagnostic sensitivity and of **less pronounced kinetic profiling** in GFD FU

2) Is the *clinical interpretation dependent on the assay* that is used (Thermo Fisher vs. INOVA)?

Clinical interpretation differs significantly by using manufacturer's cut-off, but can be **harmonized** by using CD LR or **specificity based cut-offs**

3) How does *serological status, complaints and routine laboratory test* differ between *strictly, partially and non-compliant CD patients*?

Multidisciplinary approach!

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