

# GLUTEN SENSITIVITY

## BIOMARKERS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY, Results from NHANES 2009-2010

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# BIOMARKERS

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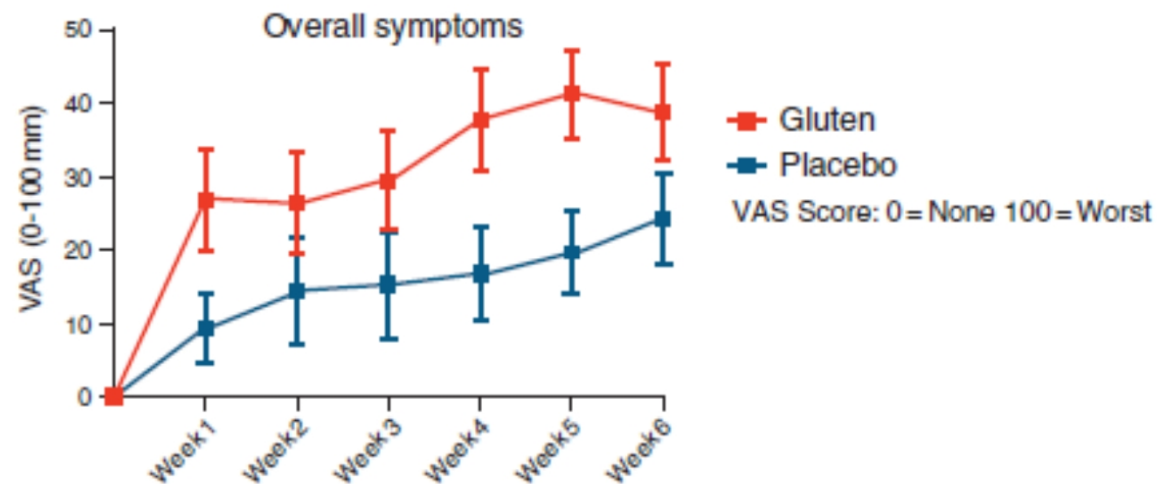
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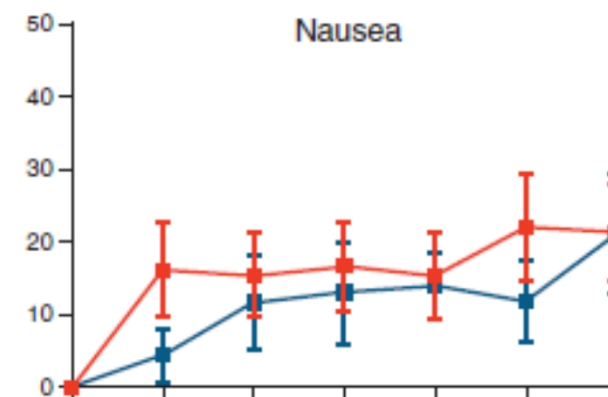
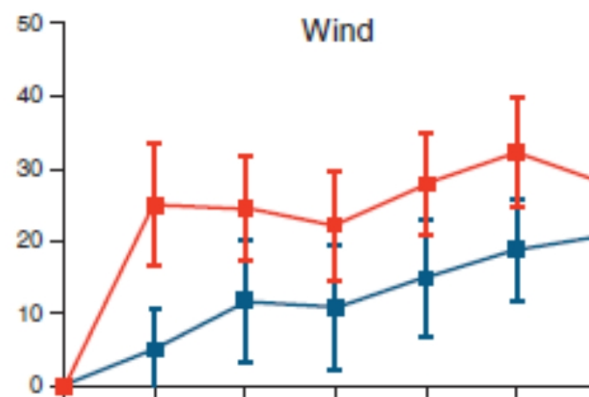
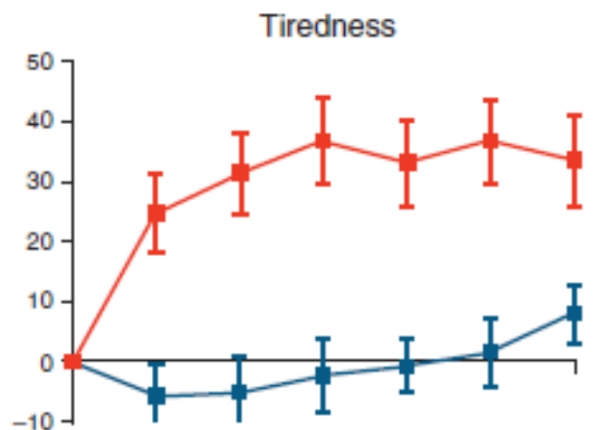
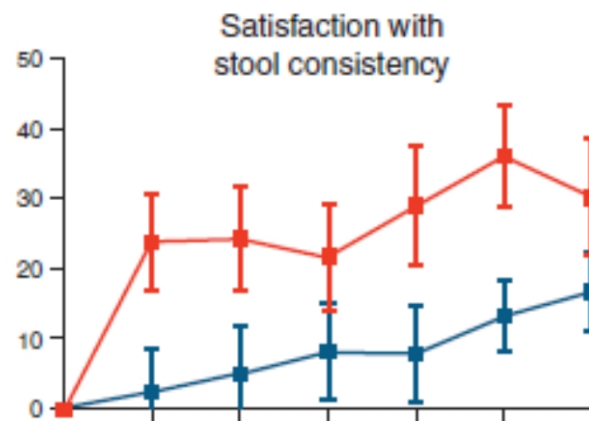
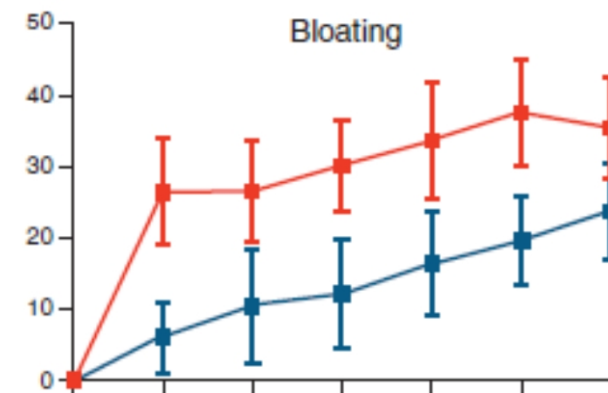
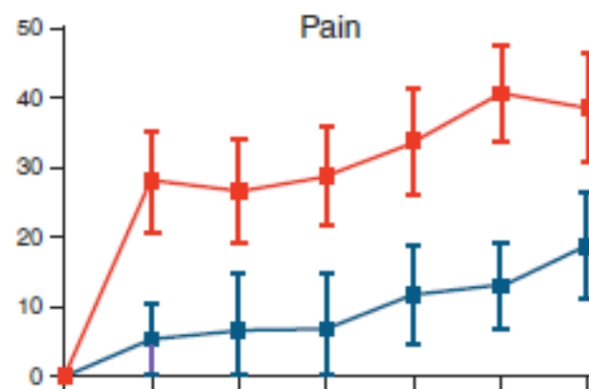
# Gluten Causes Gastrointestinal Symptoms in Subjects Without Celiac Disease: A Double-Blind Randomized Placebo-Controlled Trial

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- Gluten sensitive IBS patients, n= 34
- Celiac disease while eating gluten was excluded



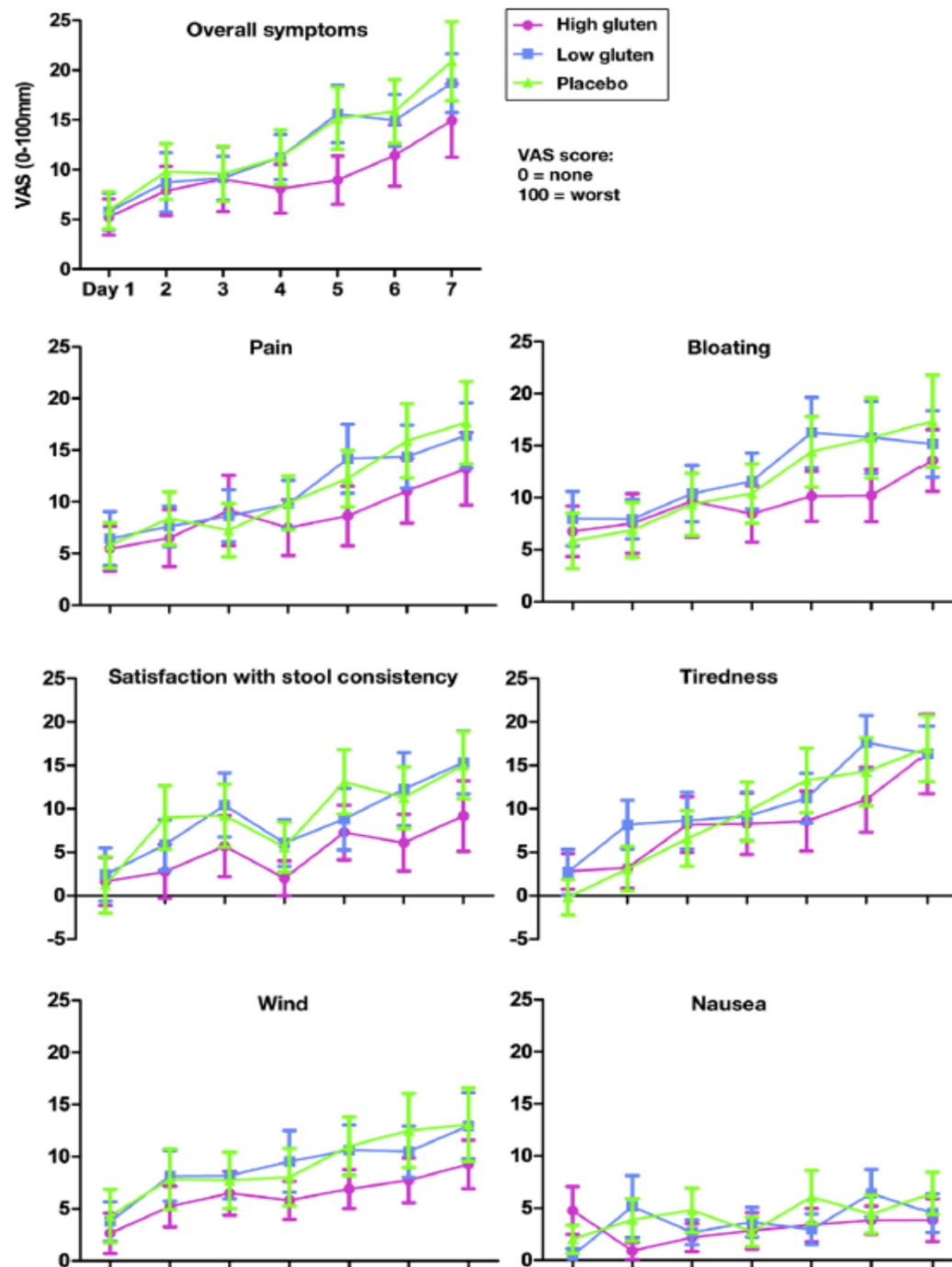


from severity from baseline in the gluten and placebo-treated groups over 6 weeks of the study. Data shown represent

## **No Effects of Gluten in Patients With Self-Reported Non-Celiac Gluten Sensitivity After Dietary Reduction of Fermentable, Poorly Absorbed, Short-Chain Carbohydrates**

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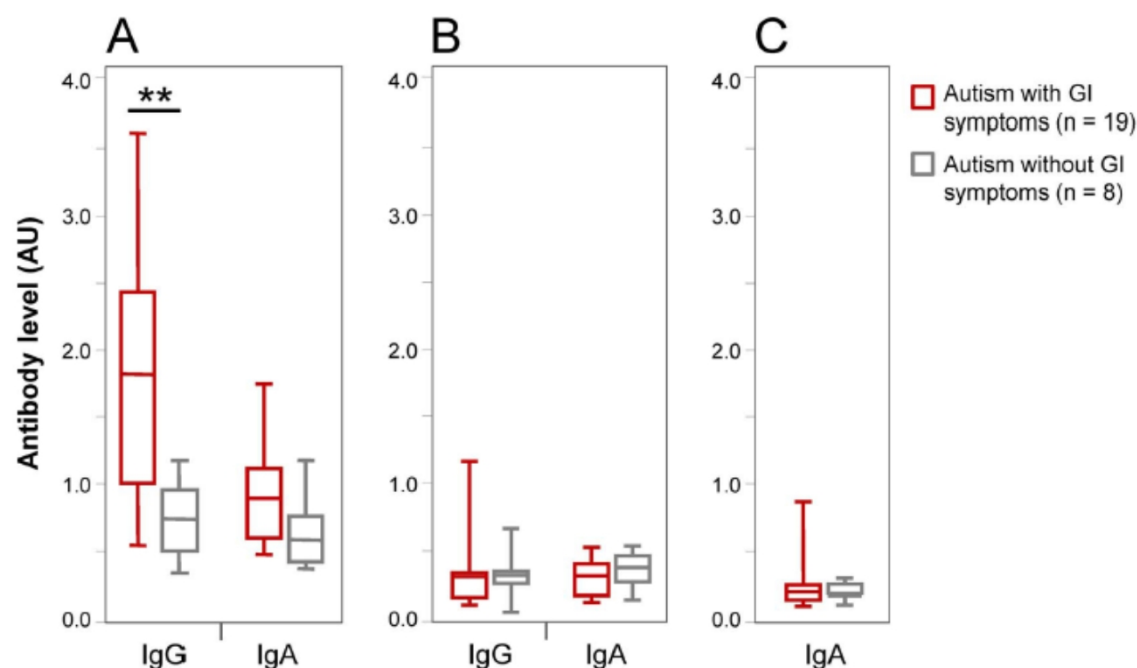
- Does it exist?
- Is it one condition?
- Should we include those with positive  
gliadin antibodies and psychiatric  
disorders, with no GI symptoms, as GS?



# Markers of Celiac Disease and Gluten Sensitivity in Children with Autism

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**Figure 3. Comparison of levels of antibody to A) gliadin, B) deamidated gliadin fusion peptide, and C) human TG2 in autistic children, with and without GI symptoms.** Boxed segments represent the middle 50% of the data. Whiskers indicate the range of data. Large horizontal bars indicate mean value of the data. \*\* =  $p < 0.01$ .

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**Prevalence of gluten-free diet adherence among individuals without celiac disease in the USA: results from the Continuous National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2009–2010**

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# NHANES

A nationally representative sample of ~ 5,000 civilian, non-institutionalized persons each year questionnaire, physical examination and laboratory assessments.

## NHANES 2009-2010

- self-report physician-diagnosed celiac disease ?
- gluten-free diet?
- anti-transglutaminase and endomysial IgA were also collected.
- those adhering to a gluten-free diet without celiac disease (NCGS?)

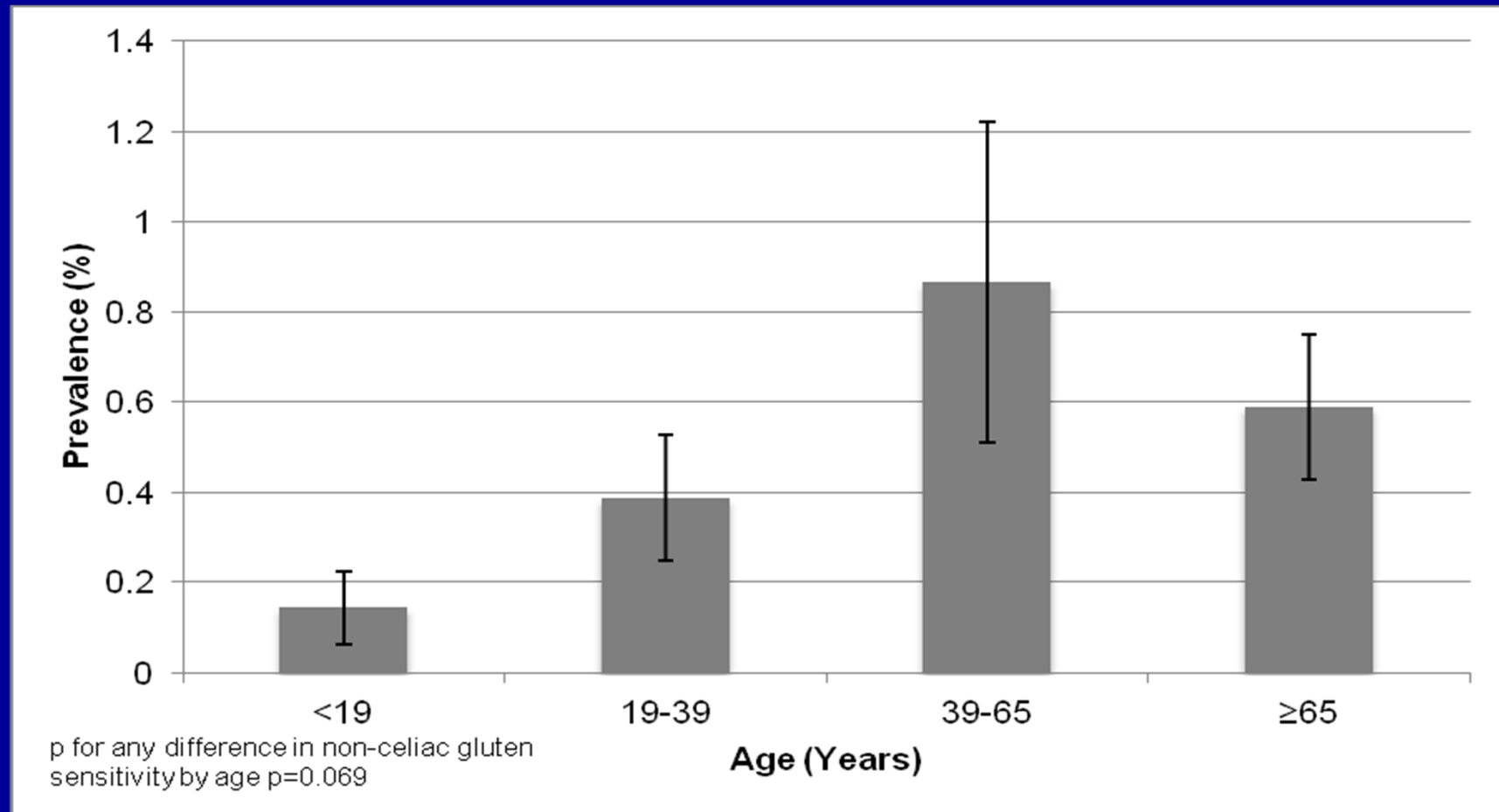
# CHARACTERISTICS OF NHANES SAMPLE

- mean age 40.6 [95%CI: 39.6-41.6] years
- 51.0 % female
- 66.2% White, 11.3% African American, 15.3% Hispanic and 7.16% Other
- sample was generalizable to 252,048,706 Americans

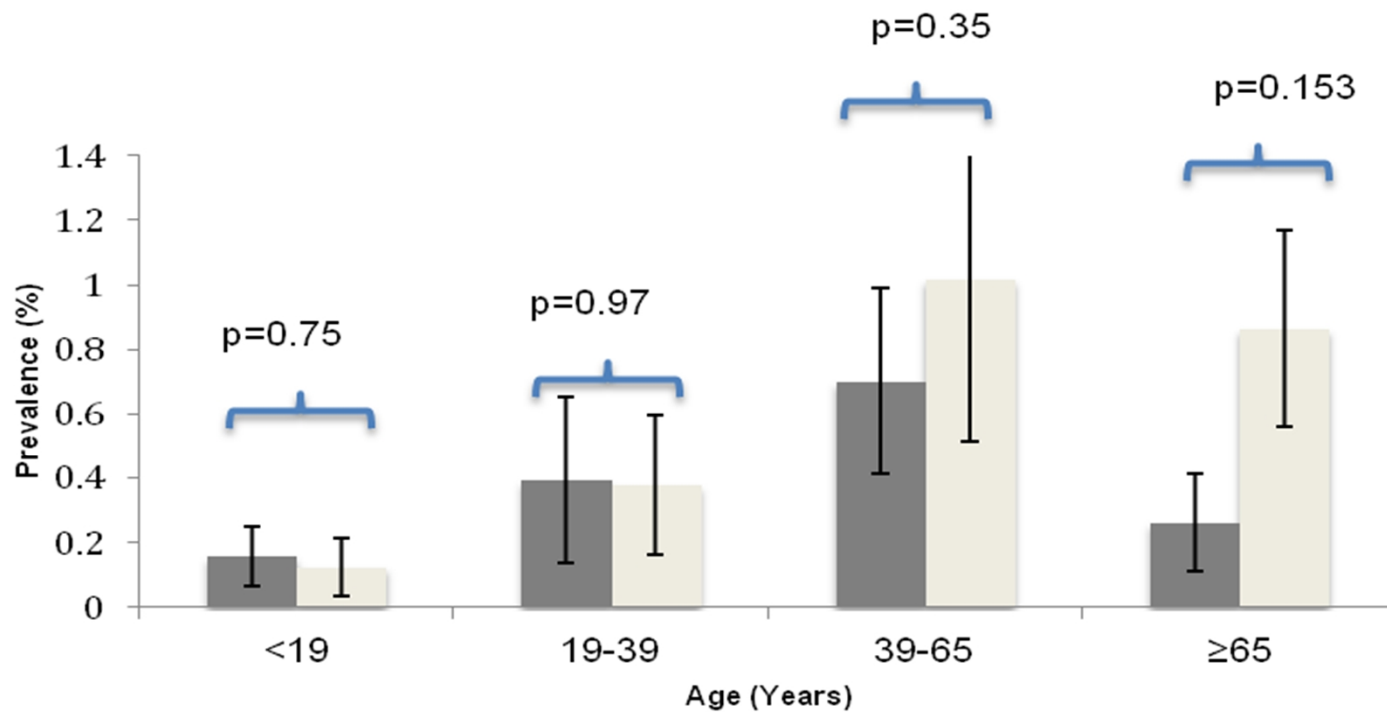
# THOSE ON A GF DIET without celiac disease

- weighted national prevalence estimate of 0.548% [95%CI: 0.205-0.889]
- 1,380,381 [95%CI: 517,930-2,242,849] individuals in the U.S.

# PREVALENCE OF NCGS STRATIFIED BY AGE. NHANES 2009-2010.



# PREVALENCE OF NCGS STRATIFIED BY AGE (YEARS) AND GENDER..



GREY = MALE



## RACE AND EDUCATIONAL LEVEL

- Hispanics 0.441% [95%CI: 0.068-0.814]
  - non-Hispanic Blacks 0.829% [95%CI: 0.175-1.48],
  - non-Hispanic Whites 0.443% [95%CI: 0.012-0.874]
  - Other race/ethnicity 1.29% [95%CI: 0.00-2.72],  
p for any difference=0.33
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- mean age of NCGS vs non-NCGS  
46.7 [95%CI: 42.4-50.9] vs. 40.5 [95%CI: 39.5-41.5] (p=0.005)

# EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS

No difference in prevalence of

- education status (completed high school vs. not).
- Family Income to Poverty ratio (3.00 vs. 2.90,  $p=0.64$ ).

# THOSE ADHERING TO GFD WITHOUT CELIAC DISEASE

- Significantly lower waist circumference, BMI, WBC, HbA1c, TSH, current smoker
- Lower Hb and iron
- More likely to be normal weight
- Significantly higher HDL, MCV
- No difference in Systolic BP, Cholesterol, CRP, Serum Folate

# CONCLUSIONS

- Prevalence NCGS 0.548% [95%CI: 0.206-0.889]
- higher among females, older individuals and Non-Hispanic Blacks
- Abnormalities in hematological parameters may reflect inadequacies of the GF diet
- lower cardio metabolic risk (BMI was lower, were also more likely to be normal weight, sl lower CRP, higher HDL)
- Cannot exclude self Dx/Rx CD

# PATIENTS WHO AVOID WHEAT AND GLUTEN (PWA WG = NCGS)

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- retrospective cross-sectional study
- four gastroenterologists over one year
- Patients with PWA WG (NCGS) were identified using ICD code 995.7, “other adverse food reactions not elsewhere defined.”
- compared to biopsy proven CD and NHANES

# CHARACTERISTICS OF PATIENTS WITH NON-CELIAC GLUTEN SENSITIVITY

- 84 patients self-diagnosed NCGS, 79% female
- most common presenting symptoms were bloating (61%), abdominal pain (60%), fatigue (51%), and diarrhea (43%)
- compared to CD (n=585), similar number of female patients, body mass index, mean hemoglobin value, and mean age at diagnosis
- 69% were DQ2/8

- Other food avoidances 52%  
Dairy 59%      Soy 25%
- Alternative Diagnoses 38%
  - Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth 50%
  - Fructose Intolerance 16%
  - Lactose Intolerance 9%
  - Food intolerances 9%
  - Microscopic Colitis 9%
  - Gastroparesis 3%
  - Pelvic Floor Dysfunction 3%

# PWAWGs vs NHANES

- Compared to NHANES (normal US population)
- male and female PWAWG had a lower BMI, mean hemoglobin values, and folate values
- Less likely to have hypertension
- Possible protective cardiac profile



# CONCLUSIONS

- PWA WG are similar to those with CD
- Alternative diagnoses especially SIBO and other food intolerances (fructose) are common
- Many of the patients have persistent symptoms
- Not all PWA WG are NCGS

## Gluten Sensitivity: Not Celiac and Not Certain

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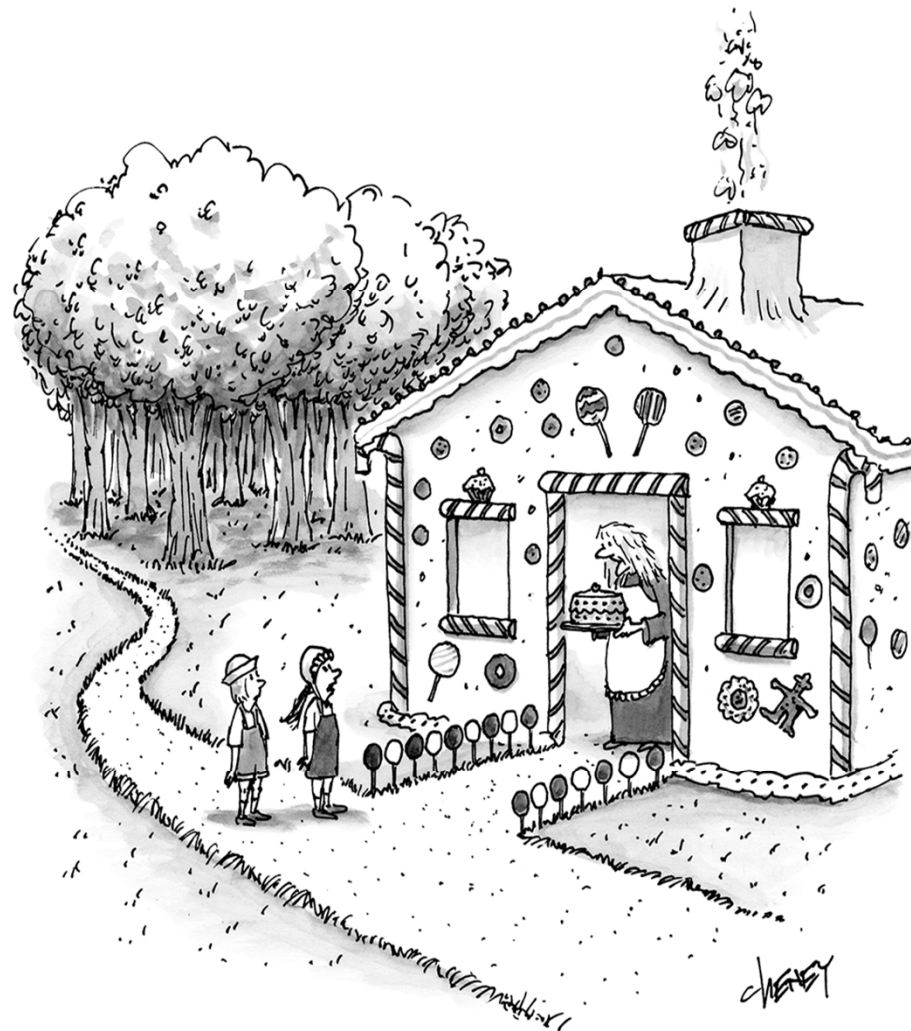
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*"Before we come in, was any part of your home produced in a facility that also handles wheat, milk, nuts, eggs, or soy?"*

# THE LAST THANKSGIVING

