Reviewer's report

Title: Celiac Disease Profile in the Mediterranean Area

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With pleasure I have reviewed the manuscript by Tucci and coworkers exploring the clinical picture and diagnostic facilities of celiac disease in the Mediterranean area. The study is well designed and well written, driven by appropriate methodology, and the results are innovative, thus the manuscript is worth publishing with minor modification.

Discretionary Revisions

• The title does not allow the reader to understand what the term ‘profile’ would mean.
• The limits of a retrospective study should be discussed.
• The invasiveness of the perendoscopic biopsy sampling should be commented.
• The graphics of the figures should be improved.
• A full revision of the paper is needed in order to avoid some typing mistakes such as in the conclusion section of the abstract: references centers # reference centers.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests