Reviewer’s report

Title: Ulcerative Jejunitis in a Child with Celiac Disease

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Sigman, etal. have provided an informative case report of a 9 year old child who presented with IGA deficiency, likely celiac disease and ulcerative jejunitis. This is an unusual unique presentation in a child.

Comments: All minor and can be addressed by the authors

1) In the case history comments on the use of NSAIDS and results of serial celiac serology testing and IgA testing would add clarity to the report. Did the IgA deficiency correct over time and did the positive anti-endomysial antibody normalize? What were the antibody levels at each time point? Please include the length of time between the upper endoscopy and the 2nd endoscopy. What was the technique of the 2nd endoscopy? Ped colonscope, push technique, double balloon?

2) Added discussion on the differential diagnosis of ulcerative jejunitis in children including acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, NSAID use, HSP, eosinophilic gastroenteritis, recurrent intussusception and Crohn disease as a minimum. This is such a rare condition in pediatrics, a discussion of the differential would be appreciated to help a clinician faced with this. The authors should also include the small case series about ulcerative jejunitis, (3of 4 were NSAID related) with capsule exams in children (Fritscher-Ravens A. Gut. 2009; 58: 1467-72). Increased IEL’s seen with Crohn and perhaps NSAIDS.

3) There are a few abbreviations such as RCD and EATL that are not defined. This confuses international readers and all abbreviations should be defined.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.