Reviewer's report

Title: Partially Responsive Celiac Disease Resulting from Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth and Lactose Intolerance

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Reviewer: Peter HR Green

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General
The authors have presented 2 case histories demonstrating that a systematic approach to the evaluation of patients with poorly responsive celiac disease results in a high yield of possible therapies.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
References:
# 2 and 5 are the same. Was a different reference proposed for # 5?

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
Case histories
1. Page 5. The normal ranges of both total protein and albumin should be provided though all the normal test results need not be included. Simply “results of .... were within the normal range.”

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No
Declaration of competing interests: none