Reviewer's report

Title: Severe Persistent Unremitting Dermatitis, Chronic Diarrhea and Hypoalbuminemia in a Child; Hartnup Disease in Setting of Celiac Disease

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Dear Editor

I read with interest the manuscript "Severe Persistent Unremitting Dermatitis, Chronic Diarrhea and Hypoalbuminemia in a Child; Hartnup Disease in Setting of Celiac Disease" by Ciecierega et al

The Authors described a case of Hartnup disease, in a setting of celiac disease; the patient had dermatitis chronic diarrhea and hypoalbuminemia; celiac disease was diagnosed, so the patient started gluten free diet, however the symptoms did not improve nevertless the diet. After that Hartnup disease was diagnosed, patient clinical status improved dramatically with substitutive niacine intake

The authors concluded that in refractory celiac disease, a complete nutritional assessment shoud be performed

Comment

The case has been well described and data reported were complete

Considering the rare coexistence between celiac disease and Hartnup disease the Author had a great clinical acumen to make the correct diagnosis, however some comment are need

- it is nor clear whether the patients had refractory celiac disease, because the symptoms improved after niacin treatment. Was that a misdiagnosis of refractory celiac disease?
- was rich protein diet also administered ?
- in the background of the Hurtnup disease lack the incidence of disease.
- a table describing dermatological presentations among exfoliative erithema, dermatitis herpetiformis and Hartnup disease could be useful

Typing errors in text and references are present

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

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Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'