



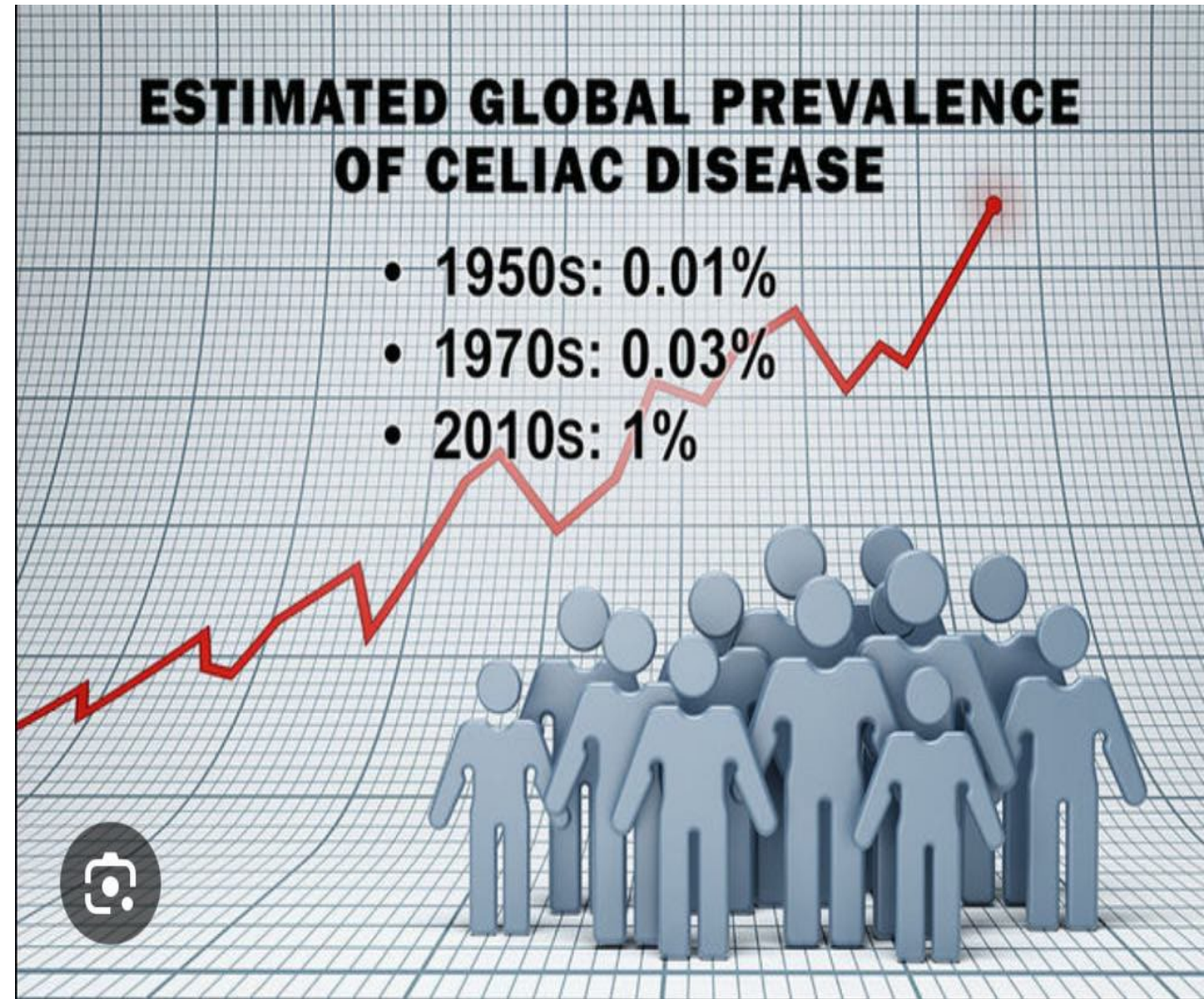
# Celiac disease: physiopathology and management up date

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# Celiac is a common disease

- Common, affecting 1% of population worldwide
- The prevalence of celiac disease has increased 6 or 5-fold since 1950
- increasing, with an average of 7.5% increase per year over the past several decade



## BIDMC Celiac Center

### Patient and Visit Volumes 1997 to 2012

#### Estimates

#### US Prevalence:

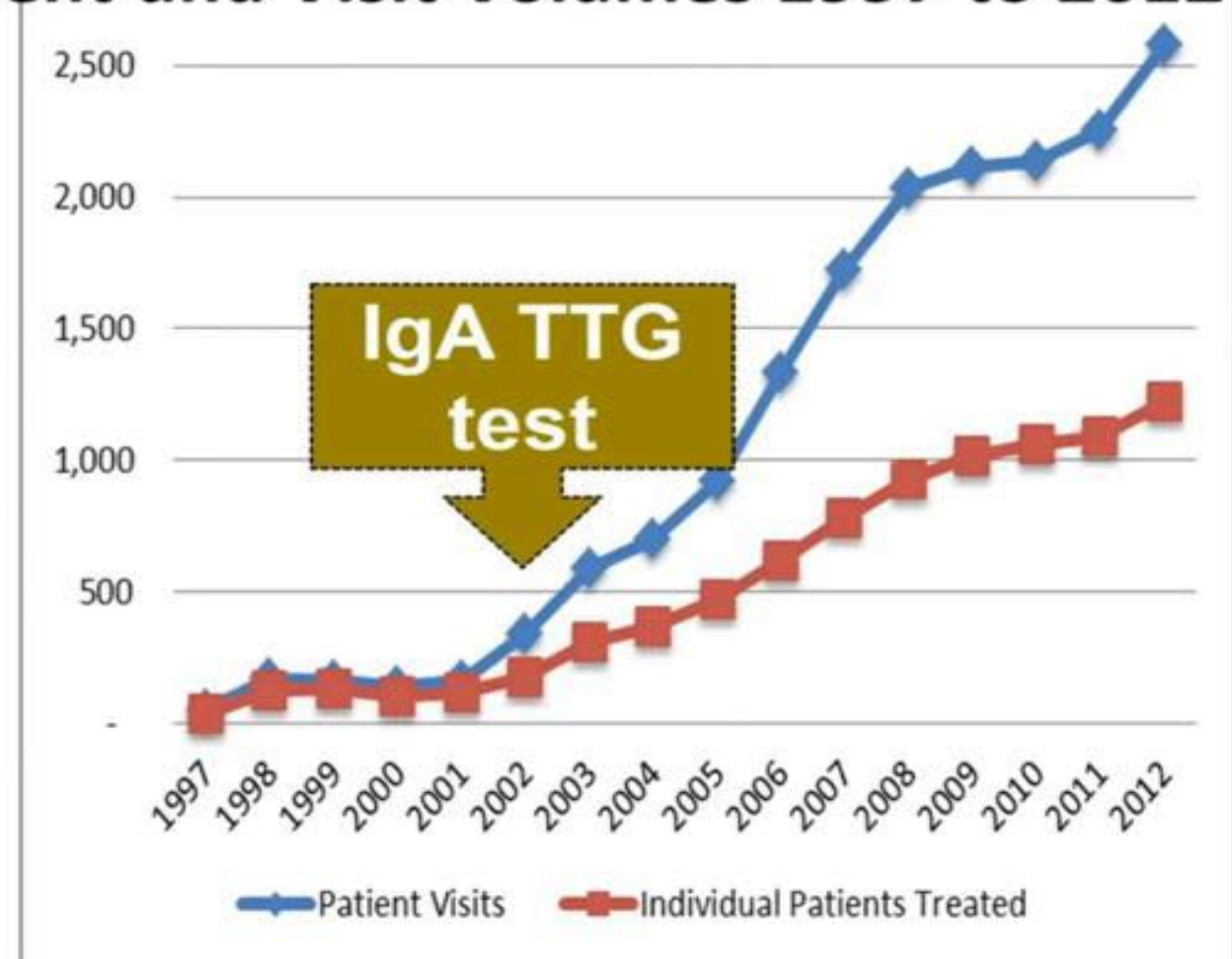
1995: 1:4,587 (~0.02%)

2021: 1:100 (~1%)

#### US Diagnosed cases

1994: 3% of cases

2015: 15% of cases



# Celiac disease: More common or just more commonly diagnosed?

Then:

9,133 healthy young adults at Warren Air Force Base

1950: Blood collected (1948 to 1954)

**0.2% with CD** (positive TTG)

Now:

12,768 gender-matched subjects from 2 more recent US cohorts

Circa 2000:

Similar years of birth (n = 5558)

Similar age at sampling (n = 7210)

**0.9% with CD** [X 4.5; P < .001].

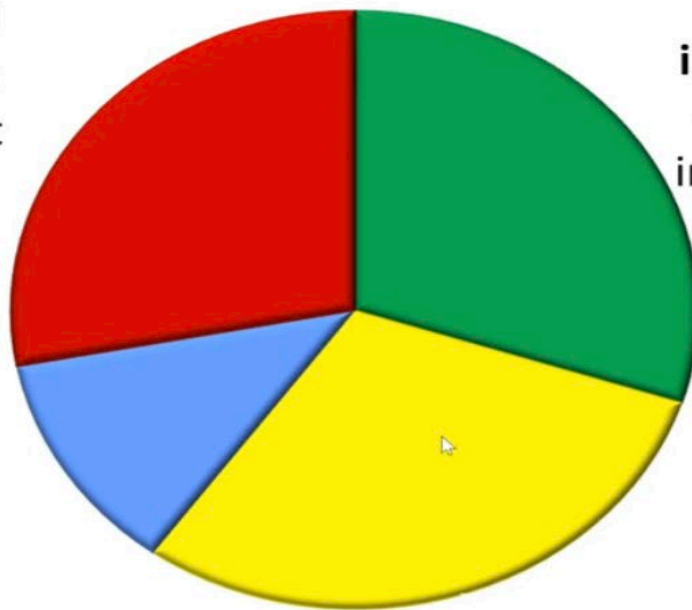
# Celiac disease treatment

- Gluten-Free Diet (GFD) is currently the only proven treatment for CD
- strict GFD is challenging

## Most Celiac disease patients have gluten exposures on the GFD

Intentional and known inadvertent lapses  
**28%**

Intentional lapses but not known inadvertent lapses  
**12%**



No intentional or known inadvertent lapses  
**30%**

No intentional, some inadvertent  
**30%**

- less than 40% of CD patients achieve long-term adherence to a GFD
- up to 80% of GFD-adherent patients might have inadvertent gluten

Reported intentional and inadvertent gluten consumption (n=269)

# strict GFD is challenging

- dietary regimens are the least appealing medical strategies, the lowest rate of adherence the highest adherence rate is medication
- Gluten is the Latin word for “glue”, and its viscoelastic
- processed foods, even in unlikely foods (such as yogurt and frozen fish) and products (such as toothpaste and lipstick).



Can hold air / water  
Elasticity and extensibility properties from dough

# How Much Gluten Dose It Take?

<b>a typical diet</b>	<b>15–20 g/day</b>
<b>induce mucosal atrophy</b>	50 mg/day cutoff 1% of a slice of bread
<b>gluten exposure</b>	150 mg/day

# Limitation of GFD

- Many (**most**) suffer episodic **symptom** recurrences
- ~ **30% of** adults on strict GFD not achieve **histological recovery**
- ~**10% non-responsive** to GFD
- **1 - 2%** refractory CD
- Increase risk of **obesity** offer feeding low fiber

# Are Patients with Coeliac Disease Seeking Alternative Therapies to a Gluten-free Diet?

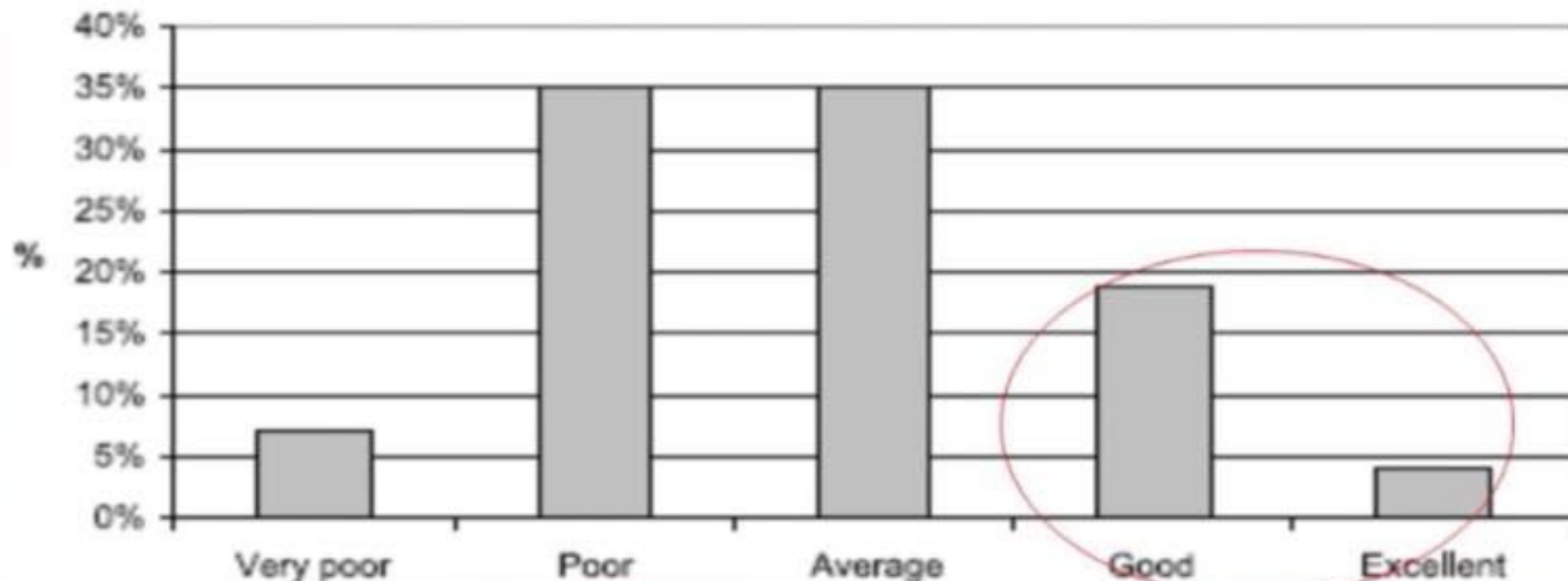
Imran Aziz, Kate E Evans, Vasiliki Papageorgiou, David S Sanders

Department of Gastroenterology, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, UK

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## Satisfaction with a GFD in adult coeliac patients (n=310) using a Likert scale



All subjects were interested in an alternative therapy

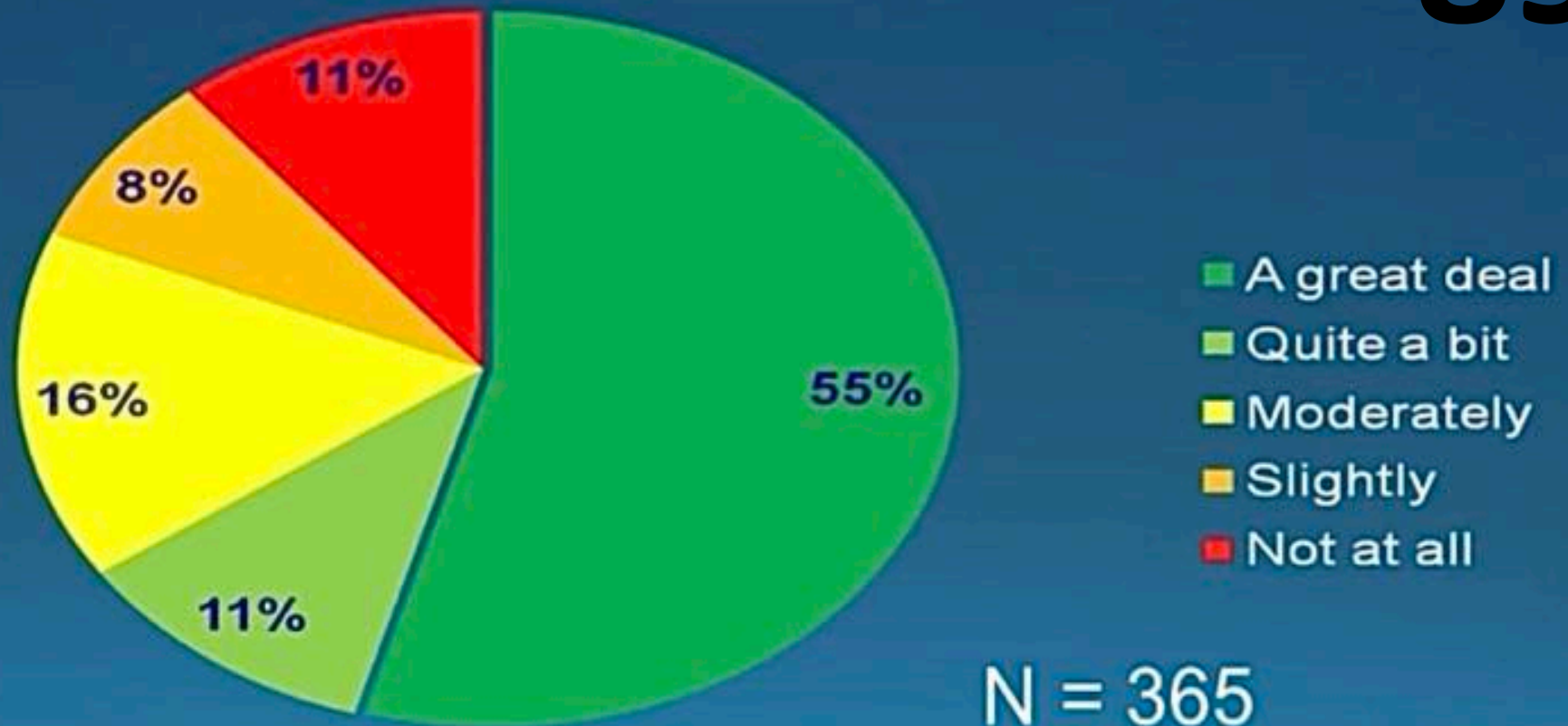


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# Interest in medical therapy for celiac disease

Christina A. Tennyson, Suzanne Simpson, Benjamin Lebwohl, Suzanne Lewis and Peter H. R. Green

89%

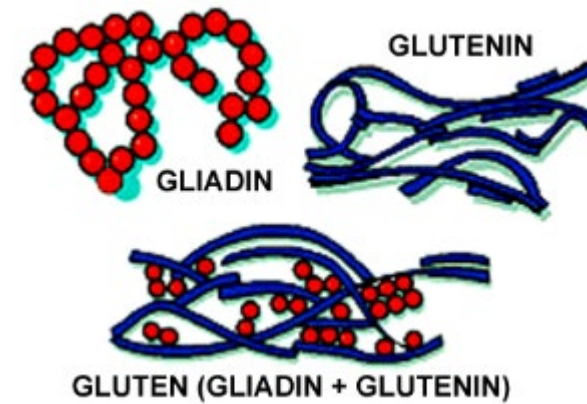
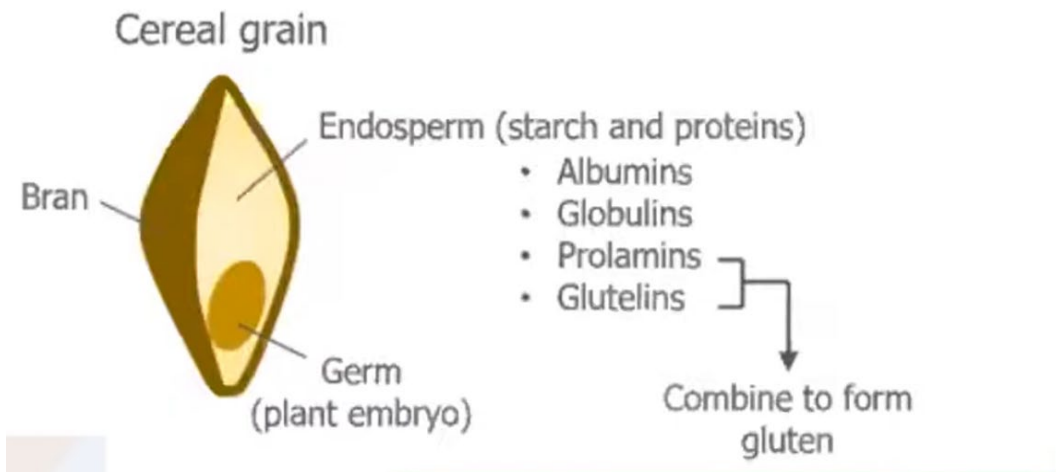


N = 365



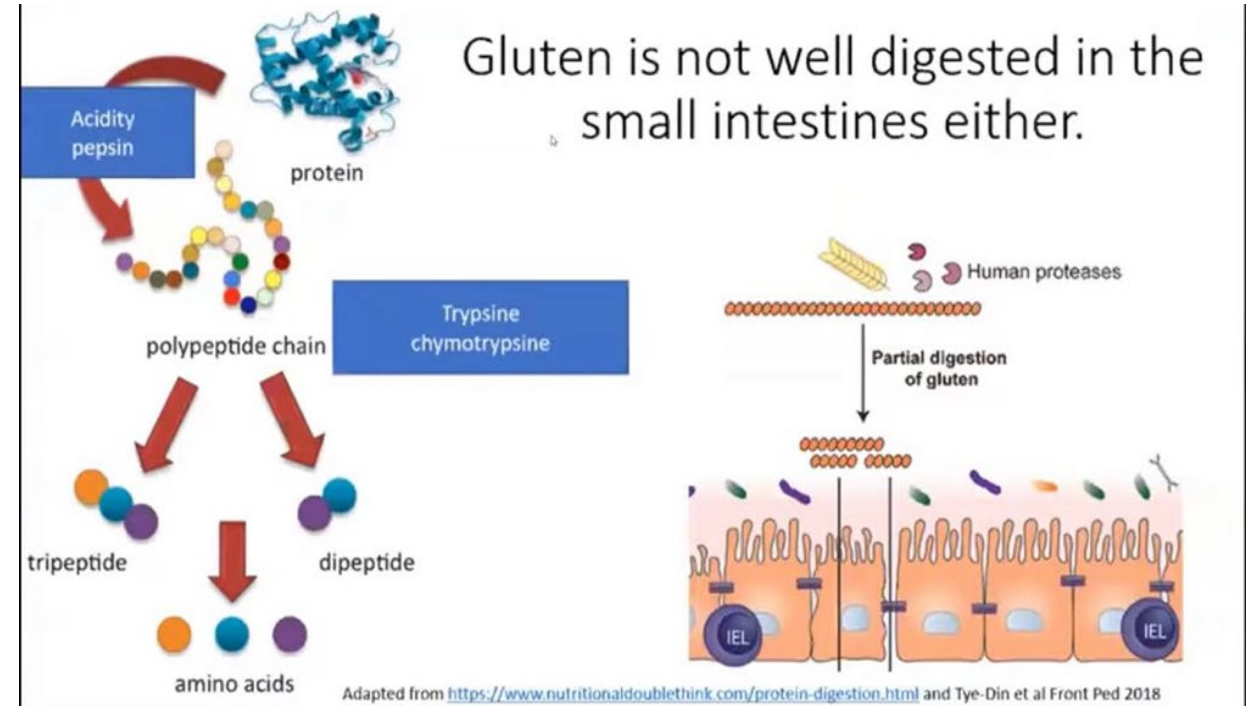
# physiopathology

Gluten is the general term for a protein found in wheat, barley and rye

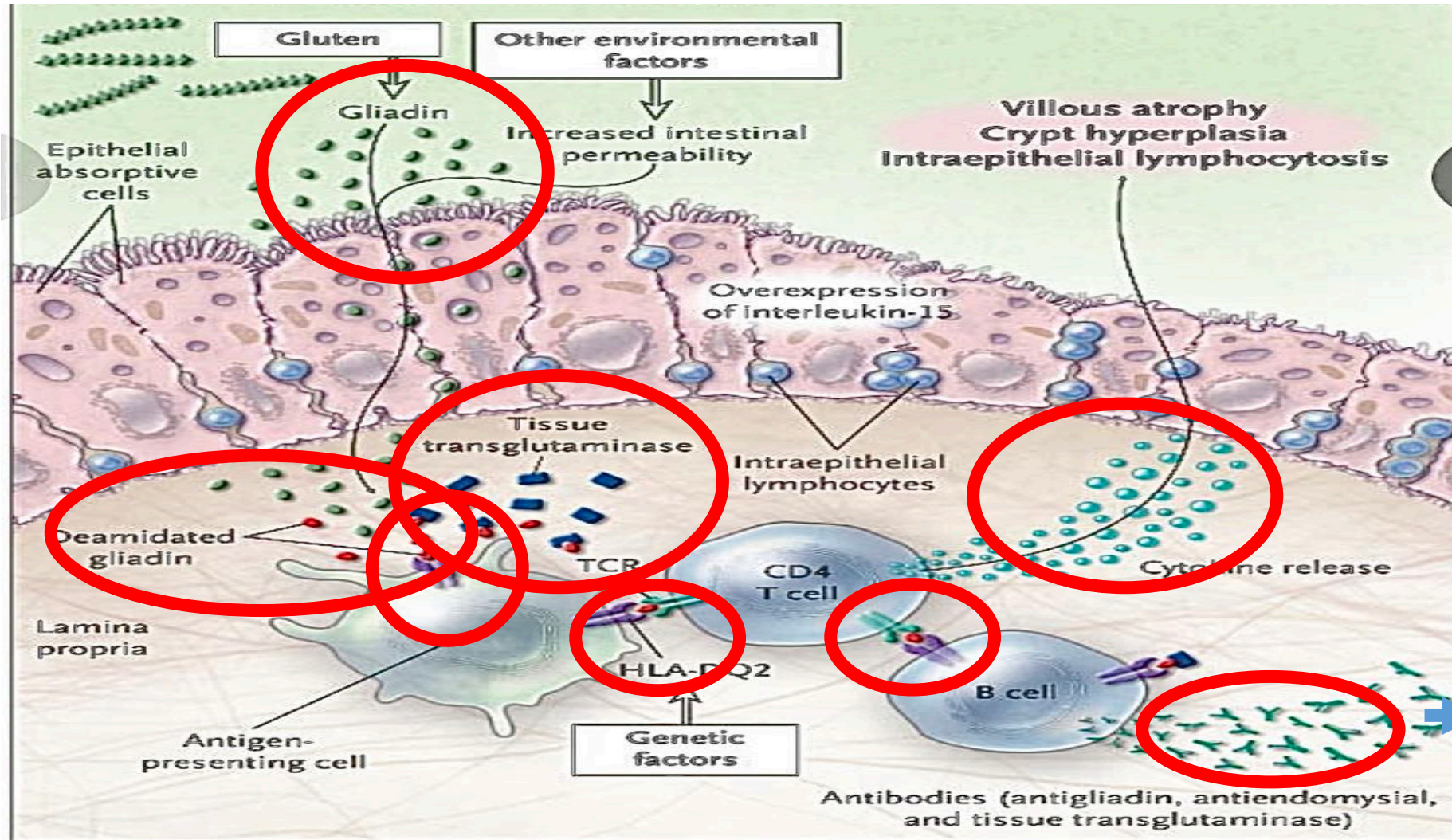


# Gluten is not well digested in the small intestines

- high resistance to the action of human proteases in the intestinal lumen
- results in the production of peptides 33 amino acids in length called gliadin that are highly immunogenic



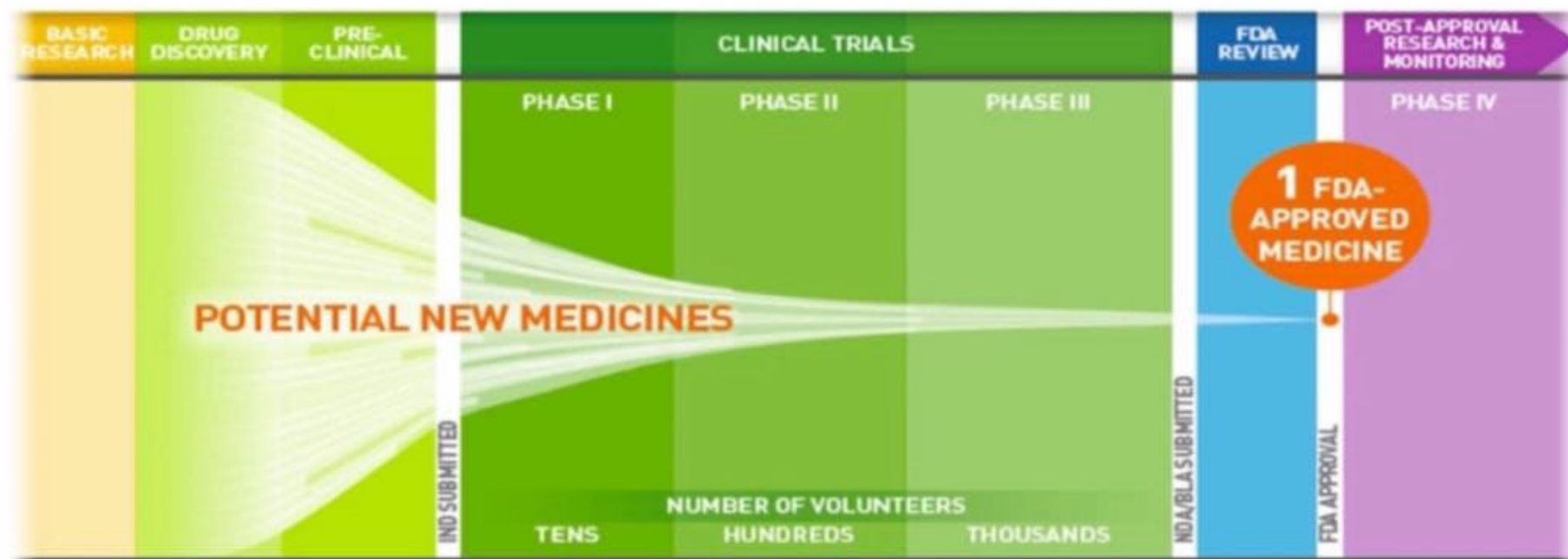
# Physiopathology



- Anti gliadin
- Anti deamidated gliadin (DGP)
- Anti tTG
- Anti endomysium
- Anti actin

**FIGURE 14:** The Biopharmaceutical R&D Process

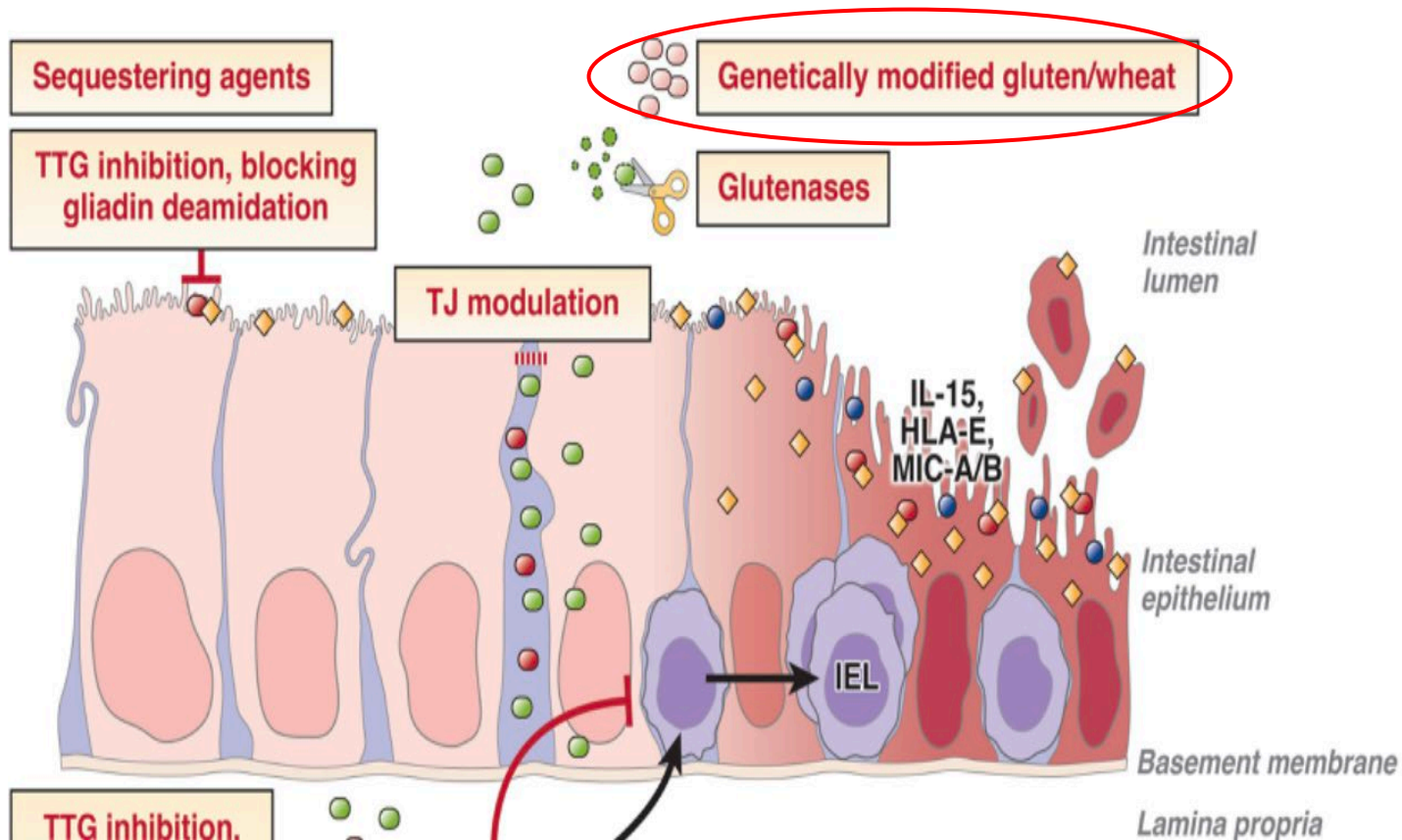
From drug discovery through FDA approval, developing a new medicine on average takes at least 10 years and costs \$2.6 billion.\* Less than 12% of the candidate medicines that make it into phase I clinical trials will be approved by the FDA.



Key: IND: Investigational New Drug Application, NDA: New Drug Application, BLA: Biologics License Application

# Therapeutic Strategies

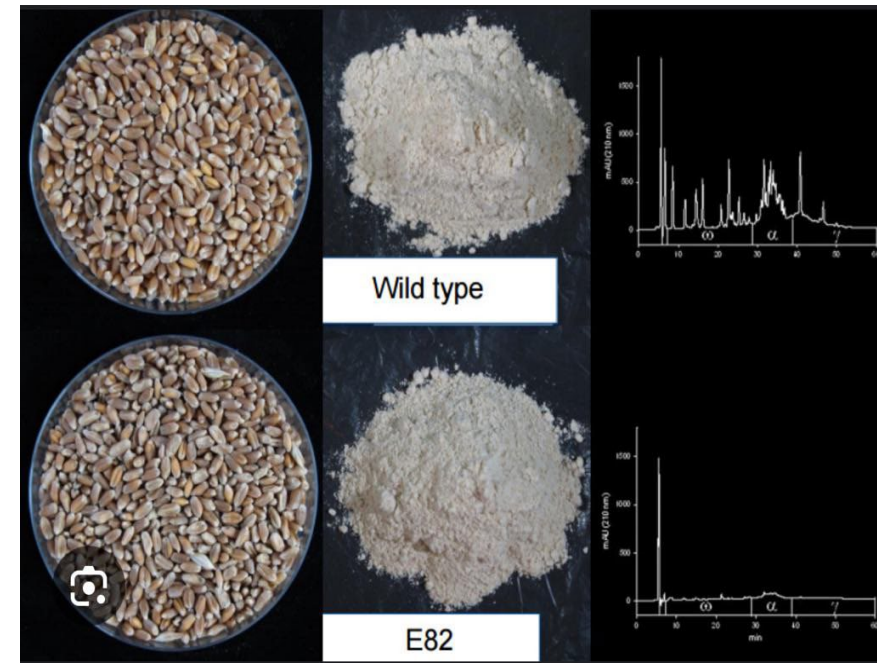
- Strategy 1 : reduction of Gluten load



1. removing gluten from the diet
2. Genetically modified gluten wheat

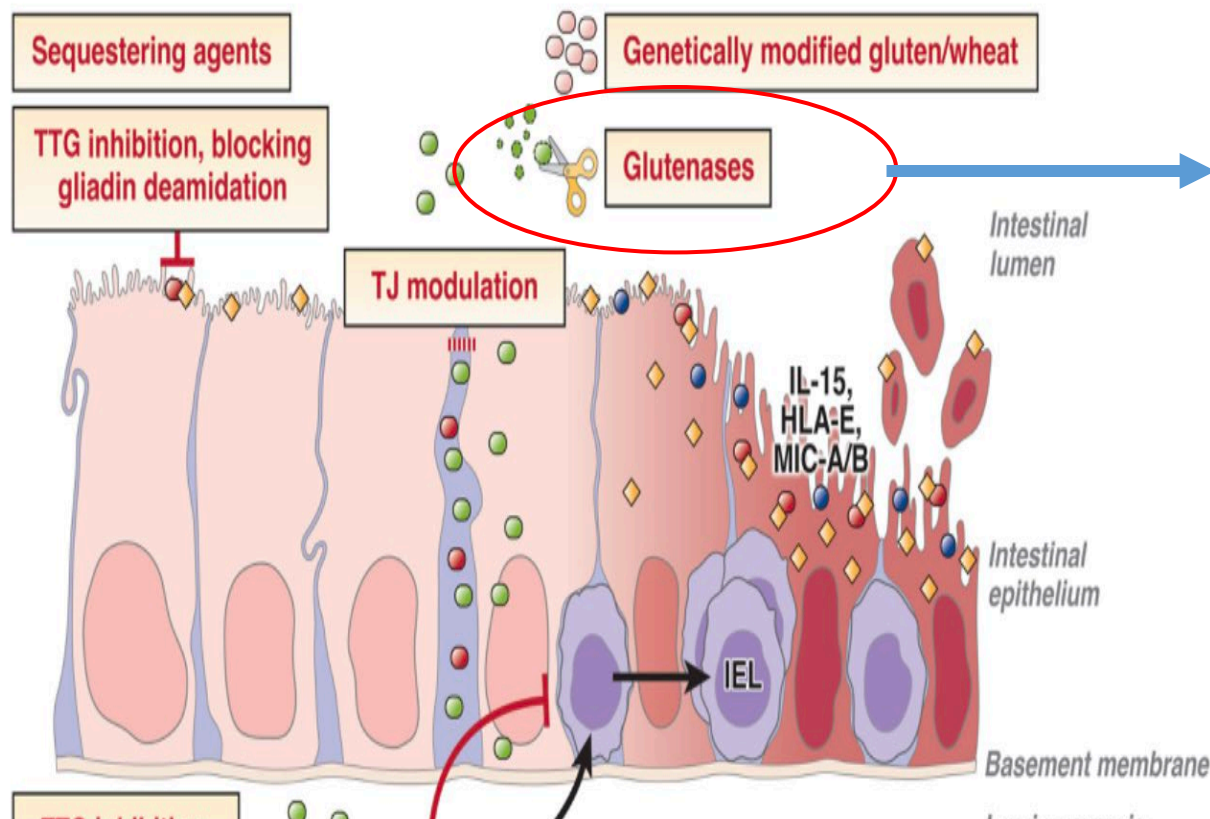
# 1-( E82 WHEAT)

- genetically engineer non-immunogenic wheat
- This is not an easy task
- silencing one gene would not be enough . Need to block for 100 genes
- E82 wheat line produced by RNAi technology that blocks relevant gliadin genes
- **pilot study** with:
  - 21 CD patients:
  - eating E82 wheat
  - ↓(INF- $\gamma$ )in peripheral blood
  - Very low level gluten immunogenic peptides (GIP) in stool



# Strategy 1 : reduction of Gluten load

## 2-Enzyme therapy(Endopeptidases)



- *Latiglutenase*
- *TAK062; Takeda*

- human proteases are ineffective at degrading gluten proteins.
- could be achieved by exogenous endopeptidases
- digest, the gluten proteins into small non-immunogenic peptides before they reach the duodenum.
- stable in the low pH gastric environment

# Latiglutenas

- an orally administered mixture of two gluten proteases

Agent	Study	Trial Phase	Population	Treatment	Duration	Main Results (vs. Placebo)
<i>Endopeptidases</i>						
Latiglutenase	Tye-Din, 2010 [59]	1	20 CD patients on a gluten challenge (16 g/day)	800 mg/day vs. placebo	3 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ↓ INF-<math>\gamma</math> secretion by gluten-specific T cells in peripheral blood</li> </ul>
	Lahdeaho, 2014 [60]	2a	41 CD patients on a gluten challenge (2 g/day)	900 mg/day vs. placebo	6 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevented mucosal deterioration (no ↓ Vh:Cd or ↑ IEL)</li> <li>• No improvement in symptoms</li> </ul>
	Murray, 2017 [61]; Syage, 2017 [62]	2b	494 CD patients with moderate or severe symptoms on a GFD $\geq$ 1 year	100 mg, 300 mg, 450 mg, 600 mg, or 900 mg/day vs. placebo	12 or 24 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No <math>\neq</math> in Vh:Cd or ↑ IEL</li> <li>• No <math>\neq</math> in serology</li> <li>• Improvement in the symptoms of seropositive patients with <math>\geq</math> 600 mg/day</li> </ul>
	Murray, 2022 [63]	2b	43 CD patients on a gluten challenge (2 g/day)	1200 mg/day vs. placebo	6 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevented mucosal deterioration (lower ↓ Vh:Cd)</li> <li>• Tendency to decrease symptoms</li> </ul>
	NCT 04243551	2b	120 symptomatic CD patients undergoing periodic gluten exposure	vs. placebo	6 weeks	Ongoing Estimated completion May 2023

# TAK-62

- glutenase effective in vitr,
- capable of degrading 97%-99% of gluten in gastric 20-65 min after guten ingestion
- well tolerated dose 900 mg

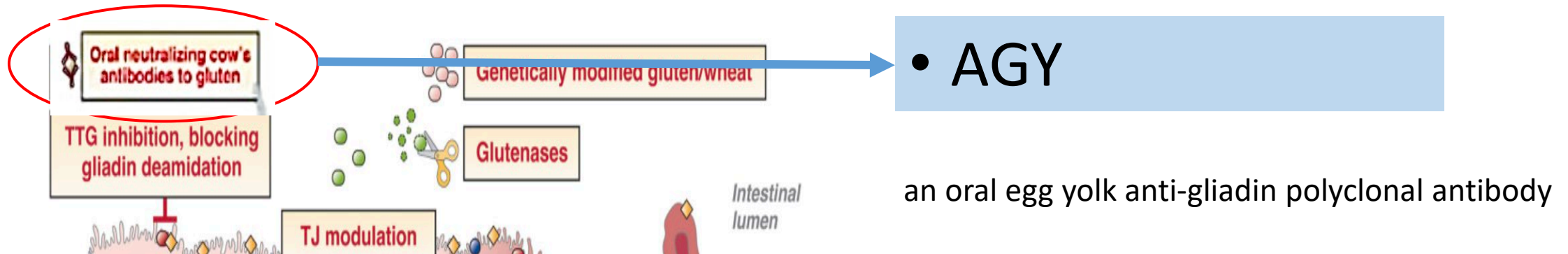
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TAK-062	Pultz, 2021 [65]	1	CD in GFD and healthy subjects after a gluten meal (3-9 g)	100-900 mg	6 weeks	• Well tolerated
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# Strategy 1 : reduction of Gluten load

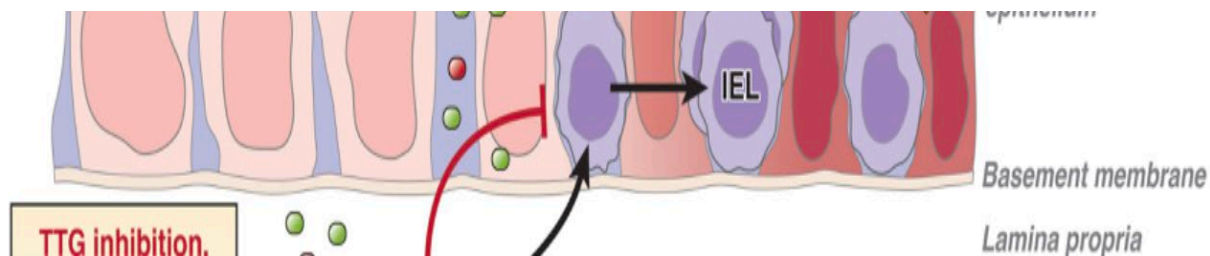
- 3- Gluten sequestration antibodies to gluten



• AGY

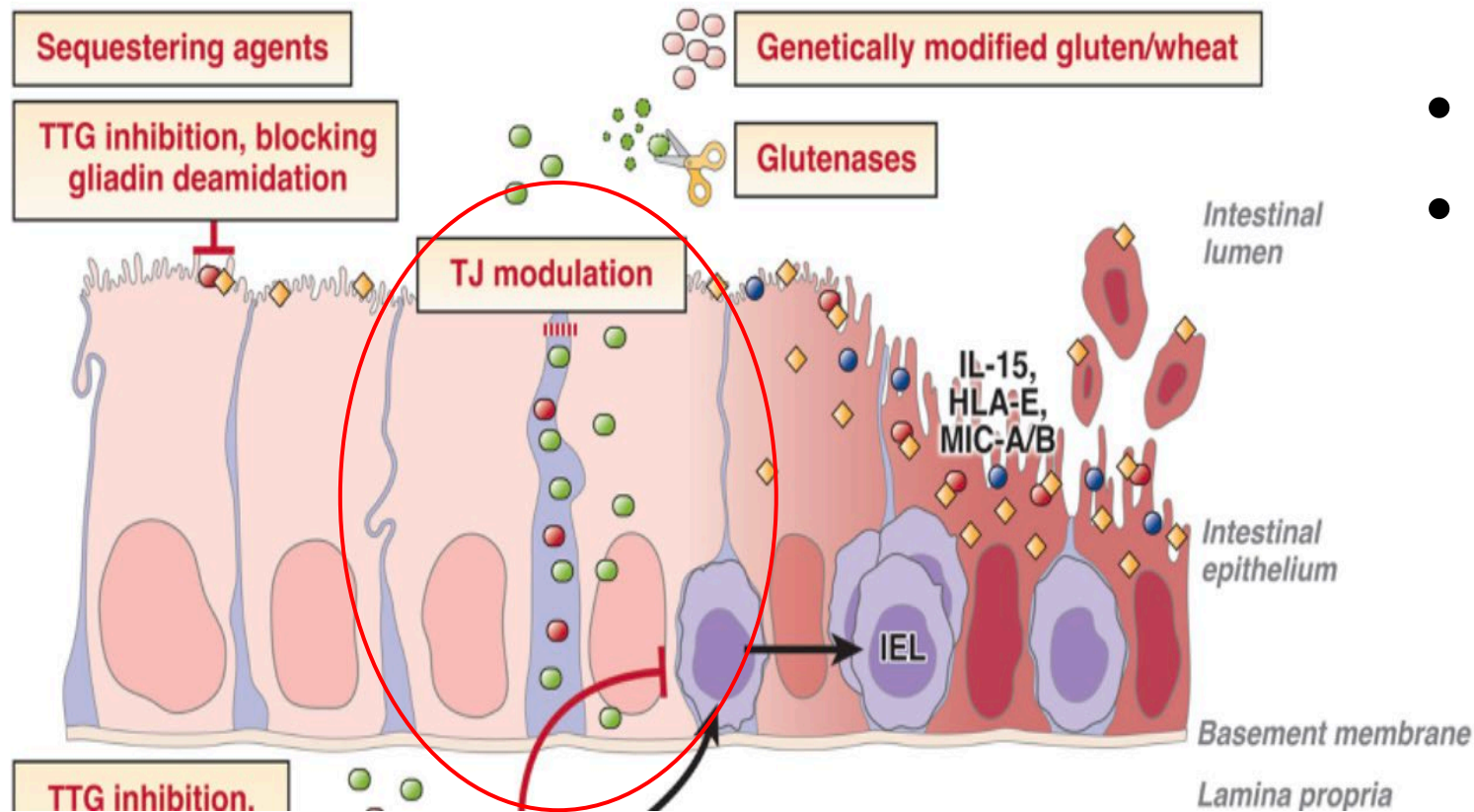
an oral egg yolk anti-gliadin polyclonal antibody

Sample, 2017 [66]	1	10 CD patients on a GFD	1000 mg bid	4 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ↓ symptoms</li> <li>• ↓ serology</li> <li>• ↓ LMER</li> </ul>
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NCT 03707730	2	Symptomatic CD patients on a GFD	Before meals vs. placebo	14 weeks	Ongoing Completion December 2022

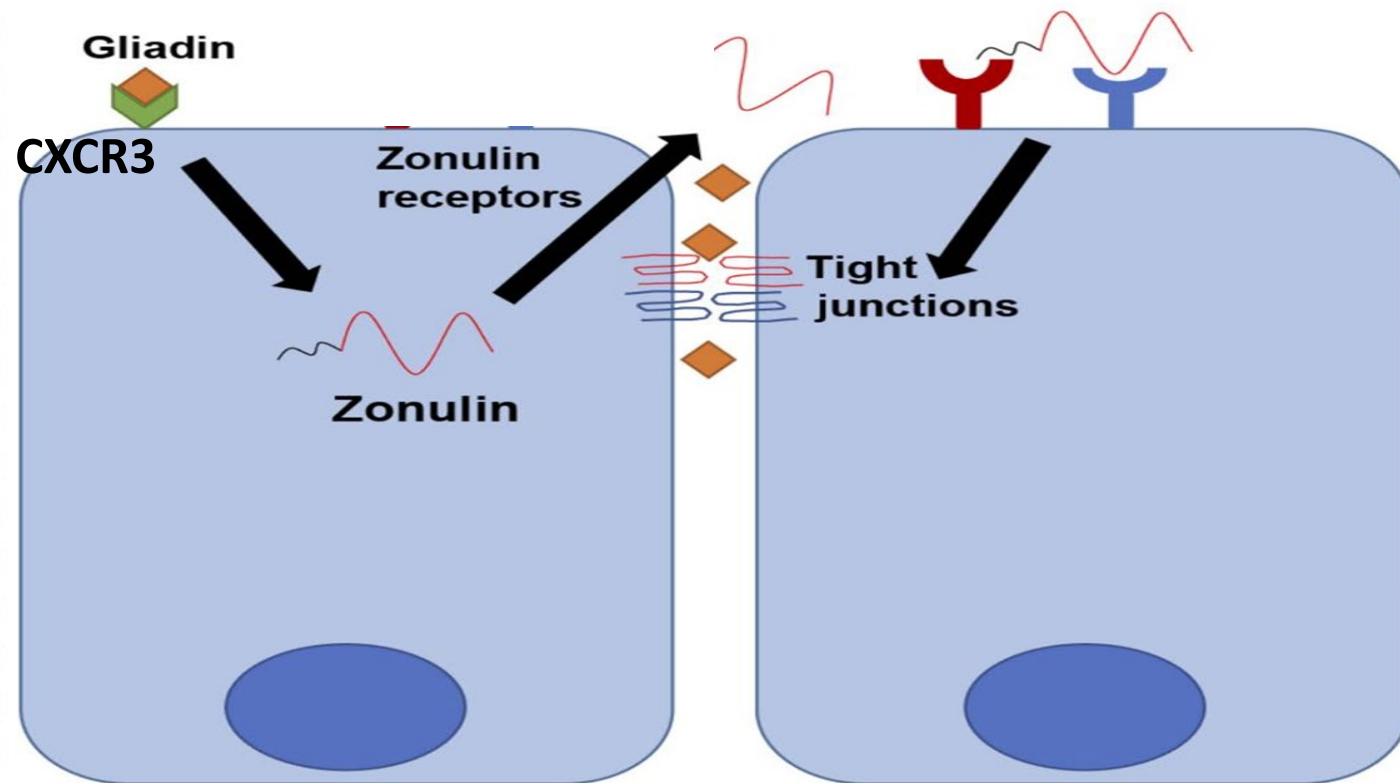


# Strategy 1 : reduction of Gluten load

- Tight junction modulation



- CD loosn the tight junctio
- Increase intestinal permeability



# Larazotide

1. blocking its receptor
2. inhibitor of zonulin
3. ↓ permeability

## Larazotide

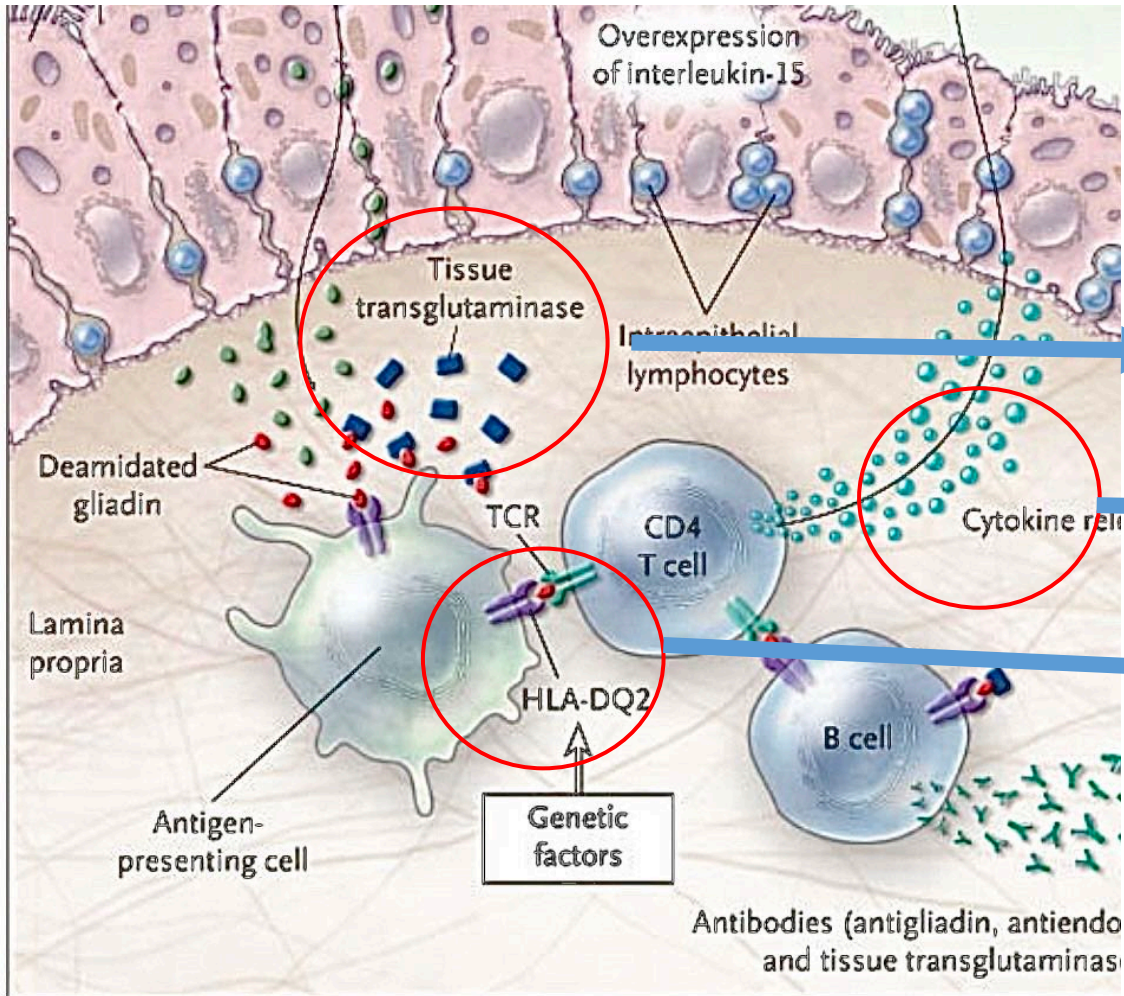
- Phase 3 randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled study of 525 patients

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# 9 Meters Discontinues Phase 3 Clinical Trial for Potential Celiac Disease Drug Larazotide

An analysis by an independent statistician of the ongoing Phase 3 trial for Larazotide, referred to as CedLara, has concluded that a substantial number of new patients would have to be added to the existing trial in order to get scientifically valid results. 9 Meters determined that the additional number of patients needed was too large to support the continuation of the trial. The Celiac Disease Foundation was proud to partner with 9 Meters to recruit patients for this trial.

# Strategy 2: : Immune Modulation



Blocking cytokine:  
Anti-IL-15 (PRN-015)  
anti  $\alpha$ 4 $\beta$ 7 (Vedolizumab-PTG-100)  
anti-CCR9( Vercinon)  
Tofacitinib  
anti-TNF- $\alpha$   
Anti-Ox40L (amlitelimab; Sanofi)

# Strategy 2: : Immune Modulation

- ZED1227 Transglutaminase Inhibition :
  - Blocking, TG-2 deamidation for gliadin by converts glutamine residues in glutamic acid
  - ↓ permeability :TG-2 enzyme also induces degradation promotes transcellular intestinal permeability to gluten
  - phase 2 :
    - improved symptoms –gluten challenge 3g per day No in Vh:Cd or IEL
    - well tolerated, (a cutaneous rash in only 8% of patients on 100 mg ) .
- DONQ52 : anti( DQ2.5-glia-a2)
  - HLA-DQ2.5–positive
  - Preclinical
- Anti cytokine : side effect ++ - RCD

Agent	Study	Trial Phase	Population	Treatment	Duration	Main Results (vs. Placebo)
<i>Lymphocyte trafficking</i>						
PTG-100 (anti- $\alpha 4\beta 7$ )	NCT 04524221	1b	30 CD patients on a gluten challenge	600 mg bid vs. placebo	42 days	Completed in April 2022 No data published so far
Vedolizumab (anti- $\alpha 4\beta 7$ )	NCT 02929316	2	CD patients on a gluten challenge	300 mg vs. placebo	6 weeks	Terminated in 2018 due to lack of enrollment
Vercinon (anti-CCR9)	NCT 00540657	2	30 CD patients on a gluten challenge	250 mg bid vs. placebo	13 weeks	Completed in 2008 No data published so far
<i>IL-15 targeting</i>						
PRN-015 or AMG714 (anti-IL-15)	Lähdeaho, 2019 [102]	2a	64 CD patients on a gluten challenge (2–4 g/day)	150 mg, 300 mg/day vs. placebo	12 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\downarrow</math> symptoms (diarrhea)</li> <li>• <math>\downarrow</math> IEL at 300 mg</li> <li>• No <math>\neq</math> in serology or Vh:Cd</li> </ul>
	Cellier, 2019 [103]	2a	Type II RCD	8 mg/kg 2 $\times$ /week vs. placebo	12 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\downarrow</math> symptoms (diarrhea)</li> <li>• No <math>\neq</math> in IEL, aberrant IEL, or Vh:Cd</li> <li>• Adverse events: 26% vs. 11%</li> </ul>
	NCT 04424927	2b	220 CD patients non-responsive to a GFD	3 $\neq$ arms vs. placebo	28 weeks	Ongoing Completion December 2023
Hu-Mik- $\beta 1$ (anti-IL15R $\beta 1$ )	NCT 01893775	1	5 RCD patients	Every 3 weeks	9 weeks	Completed in December 2019 No data published so far
Tofecitinib (pan-JAK inhibitor)	Eudra CT: 2018-001678- 10	2	Type II RCD (open-label) patients	10 mg bid	12 weeks	Ongoing

# Strategy 3: immune Tolerance

- Re-educate the immune system to not reacts to the antigen

**1- NexVax2 vaccine**

**2-TAK-101**

**3-KAN -101**



# THE LANCET

## Gastroenterology & Hepatology

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Epitope-specific immunomodulation in HLA-DQ4-positive  
T cells in coeliac disease: two-year, randomised, double-blind,  
placebo-controlled phase 1 study

Gautam Goel, Tim King, A James Daveson, Jane M Andrews, Charles F Barish, Roger Epstein, Timothy P Kinney, Philip F Brown, Ronald Fogel, Markku Maki, Kaela E Goldstein, Patrick H Griffin, Suyela, Alina Popp, John Sidney, Bana Jabri, Robert P Anderson, Anamnik J Xavier, Ludvig M Sollid

In this phase I study  
Tolerable doses determined  
Modified immune response to oral gluten  
No deterioration in duodenal histology

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- Phase 2 : Terminated 2019 for futility no different vs placebo  
(The intradermal administration may have hit the wrong target, being uptaken by APCs in the skin rather than the spleen and liver)

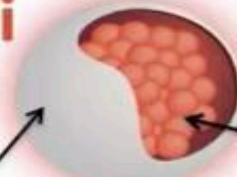
# TAK-101

## GLUTEN TOLERANCE ACHIEVED WITH IMMUNE MODIFYING PARTICLES

### Tolerogenic Immune-Modifying Particles for Celiac (COUR-NP-GLI)

- Novel surface properties for targeted antigen delivery/immune modulation
- Antigen load ~ 2.9ug protein/mg polymer
- Antigen fully encapsulated for safety

**TAK-101 + TIMP-Gli**  
**Gluten in a Pocket**

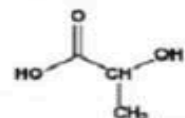


#### The Particle

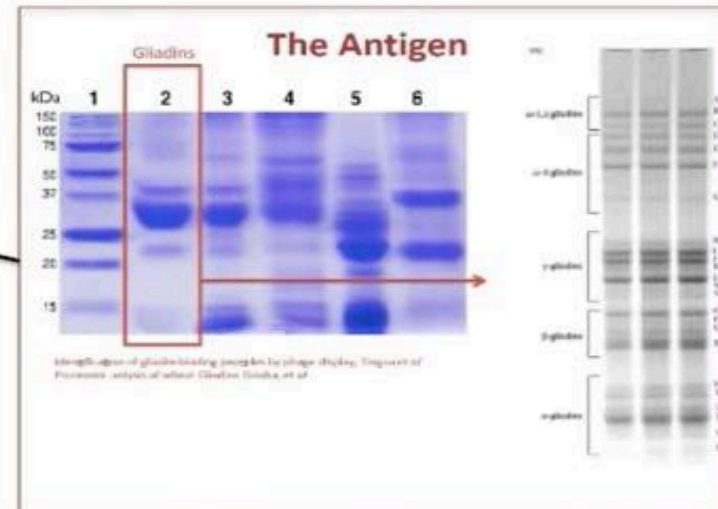
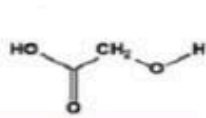
PLGA with proprietary surface modifications



Lactic Acid

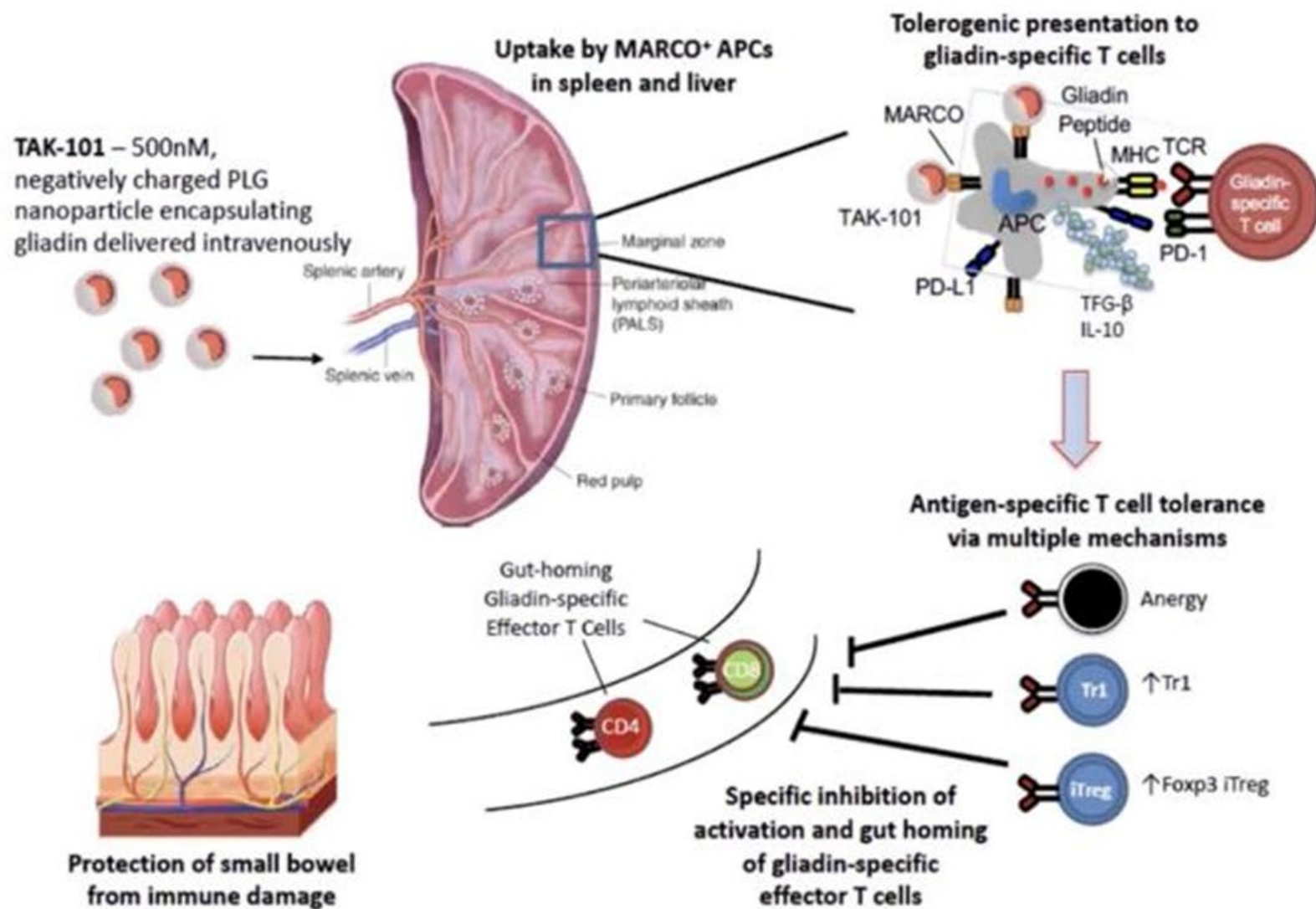


Glycolic Acid



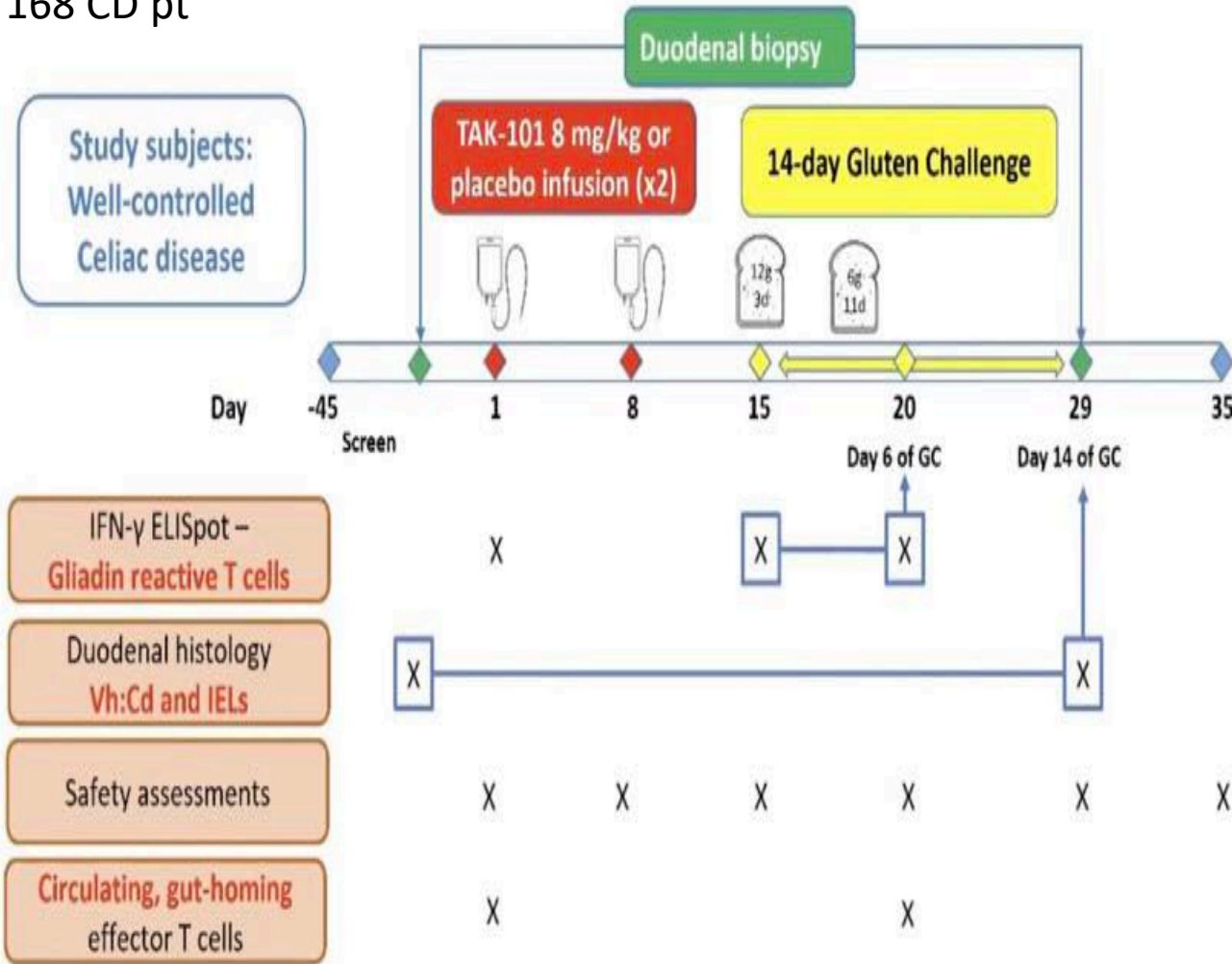
Particle (administered IV) is taken up via apoptotic pathway and trafficked to the spleen and processed by APCs.

# TAK-101 Induces Tolerance to Gluten in CeD: MoA

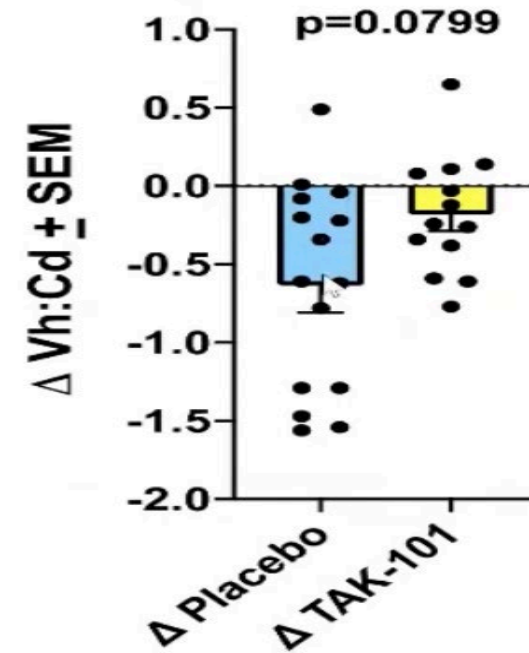
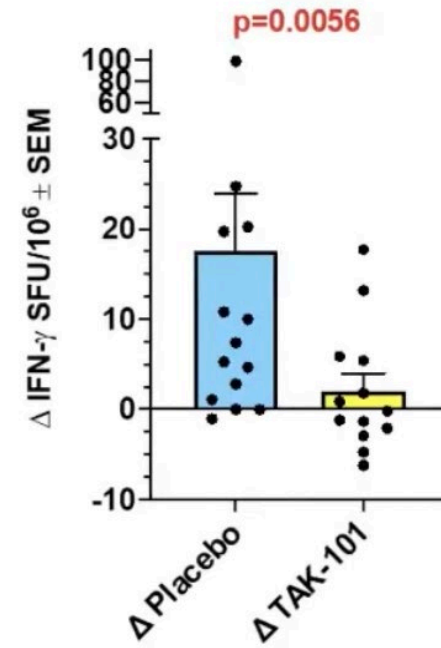


# Phase 2a TAK-101 Proof-of-Concept study schematic

168 CD pt



CeD, celiac disease; ELISpot, enzyme-linked immunospot; GC, Gluten Challenge; IEL, intraepithelial lymphocytes; IFN, interferon; PBMC, peripheral blood mononuclear cell; Vh:Cd, villus height to crypt depth ratio



# TAK -101 was safe and well tolerated: AE results of Phase 2a study

- No serious adverse events (SAEs)
- No clinically significant changes in:
  - vital signs,
  - routine clinical laboratory results
  - liver function tests (LFTs)
  - serum cytokines/chemokines
  - T cell proliferation
- Complement levels transiently raised in all patients, not associated with adverse events (AEs)
- Most AEs were mild and transient

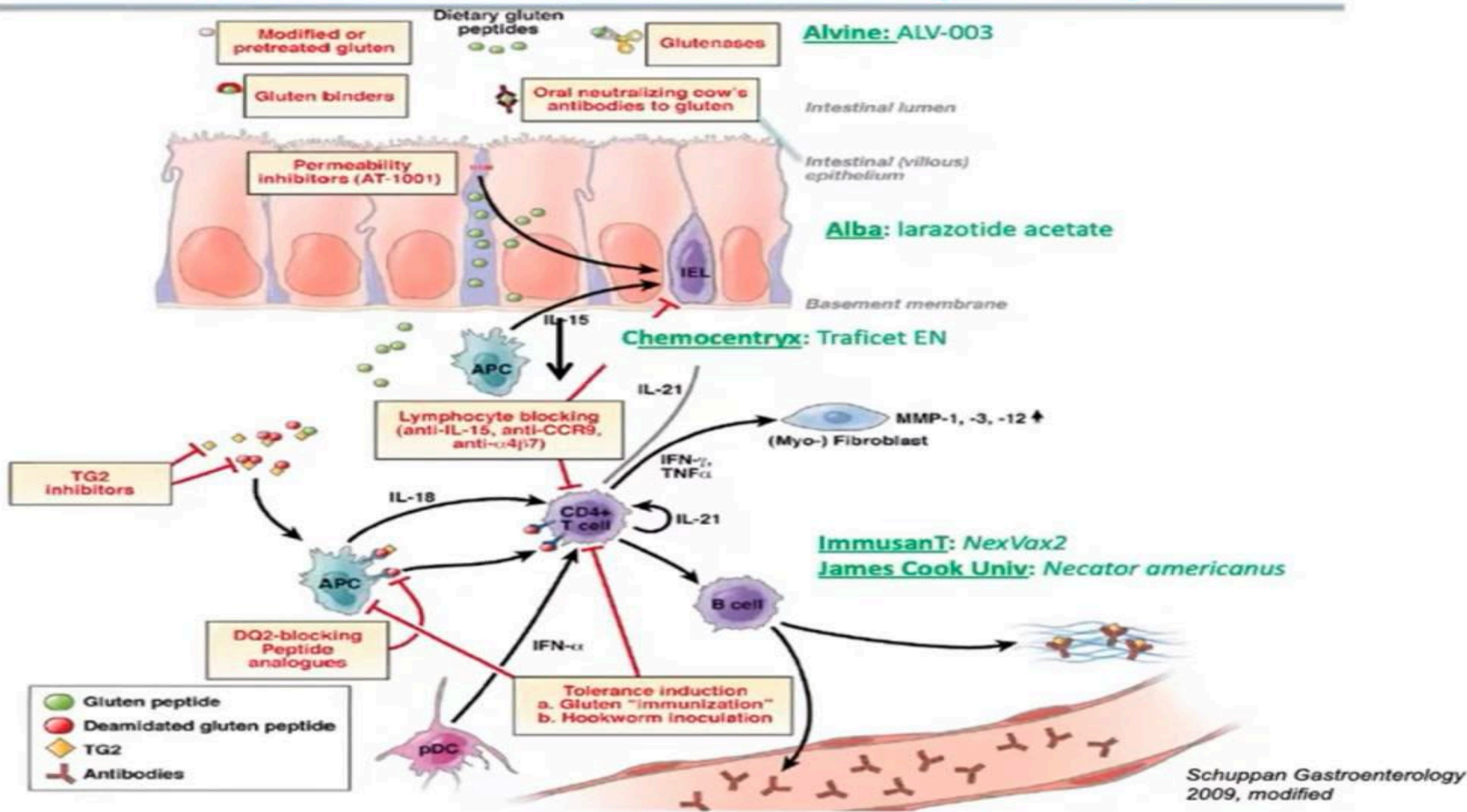
Phase 2a		
	CNP-101	Placebo
AE		
Nausea	81%	72%
Abdomen distention	56%	61%
Diarrhea	50%	50%
Headache	44%	17%
Abdominal pain	38%	28%
Vomiting	31%	33%
Fatigue	33%	50%
Back pain	31%	0%

AE, adverse event; CNP, Cour Nanoparticle Platform; LFT, liver function test; SAE, serious adverse event

# Take home messages

- The only proven treatment for CD is GFD
- **Latiglutenas**: mix of two glutenase . You cant replace the GFD it help the diet . Strong contender to be a standard soon
- **Larazotide** : tight junctions -decreasing intestinal permeability- discontinued for financial reasons
- **ZED1227**: blocking TG-2
- **TAK-101**: immune Tolerance

# Experimental Non-Dietary Therapies For Celiac Disease (2010)



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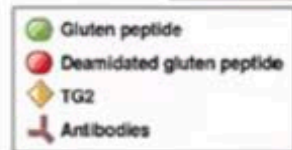
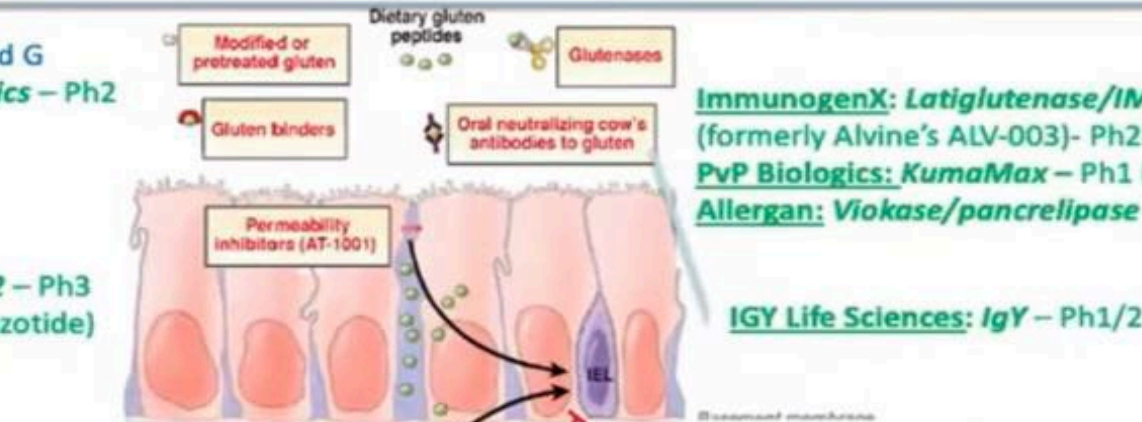
**Universities:** Modified G  
*Probiotics* – Ph2

**Innovate:** – *INN-202* – Ph3  
(formerly Alba's larazotide)

**Zedira/Falk Pharma:** *ZED1227* – Ph2a  
**Sitari:** Pre-clinical tTG inhib (GSK)  
**UCB:** Pre-clin tTG inhibitor

**Provid:** Pre-clinical

Schuppan  
Gastroenterology  
2009,  
modified



**ImmunogenX:** *Latiglutenase/IMGX-003*  
(formerly Alvine's ALV-003)- Ph2b

**PvP Biologics:** *KumaMax* – Ph1 (Takeda)

**Allergan:** *Viokase/pancrelipase* – Ph2a

**IGY Life Sciences:** *IgY* – Ph1/2

**Provention Bio:** *PRV-015* (a.k.a. AMG 714) –Ph2b (Amgen)

**Mayo Clinic/NCI:** *HuMikb1* – Ph2a

**Calypto:** *CALY 002*–Pre-clinical (Merck KGa)

**Bioniz:** *BNZ-2* – Pre-clinical (Takeda)

**TEVA:** *04H04* - Preclinical

**Takeda:** *Vedolizumab/ENTYVIO* – Ph1b

**ImmusanT:** *NexVax2* – Ph2a

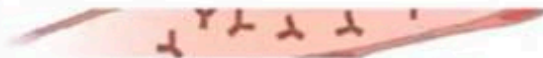
**James Cook Univ:** *Hookworm NainCeD-3* – P1b


**Cour:** *NP-GLI* -Ph1b –(Takeda)

**Kanyos Bio:** Pre-clinical (Astellas/Anokion/Celgene)

**Topas:** Pre-clinical (Lilly)

**Selecta:** Pre-clinical





**The hope for finding a cure may soon become  
reality  
Thank you**