

# Coeliac Disease What's new and in the news?

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#### An update:

- Role of genes
- Diagnosis
- GF foods and prescriptions
- Risks
- Treatments
- Gluten sensitivity



#### Genetic Testing

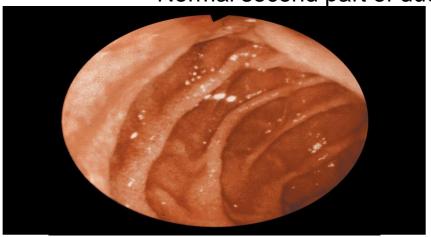
- Coeliac gene: HLA-DQ2 known for a long time
- ❖ 90% express HLA-DQ2, 10% DQ8
- ❖ Now 40 genes predisposing to or protecting against Coeliac Disease
  - overlap with type 1 diabetes/thyroid gene
  - probably more to be found
  - ❖ Hope is that we can:
  - Predict risk of getting disease
  - Predict how disease behaves
  - Predict response to treatments
  - Design new therapies / treatment strategies

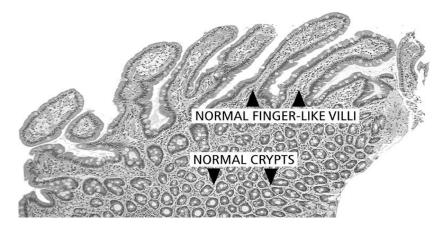
#### Diagnosis: Adults



#### 1) Small Intestine Biopsy

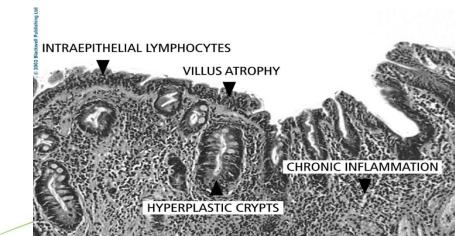
Normal second part of duodenum (intact villous architecture)





Villous atrophy in Coeliac Disease (flat mucosa with scalloped edge)







## Diagnosis Adults

2) Tissue Translglutaminase (tTGlgA) blood test

- 3) Point of care testing
- Simtomax
- Biohit





### Diagnosis Children

- Symptomatic children in whom the TTGIgA level exceeds 10 times the upper limit of normal, EMA antibodies are positive on a separately taken blood sample, and HLA-DQ2 or HLA-DQ8 are positive, then biopsies do not need to be performed to confirm the diagnosis.
- ◆Type 1 Diabetes
- Family history

#### **GF Foods**

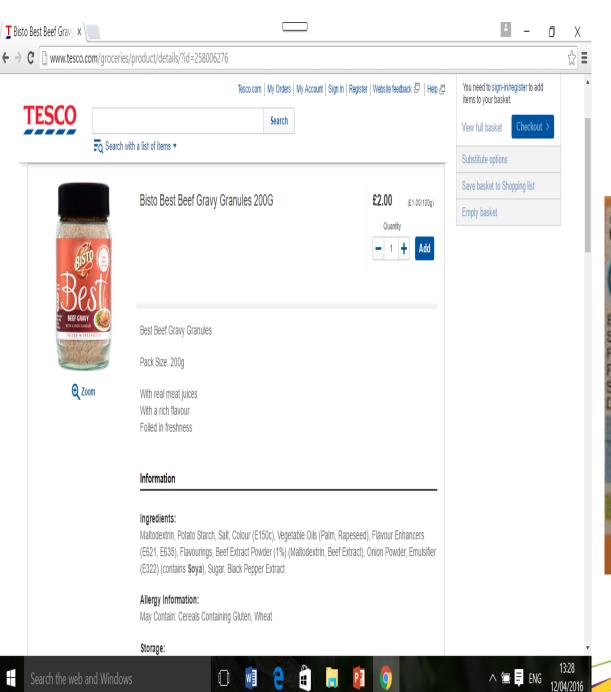




## THE INDEPENDENT

"Gluten-free products can be three to four times more expensive than their standard counterparts in supermarkets, according to Coeliac UK, a national charity which supports people suffering from the autoimmune disease.

Sarah Sleet, Chief Executive of Coeliac UK, said factors such as higher costs of gluten-free ingredients and additional costs involved in using dedicated factories and production area can contribute to the difference" (Feb, 2016)



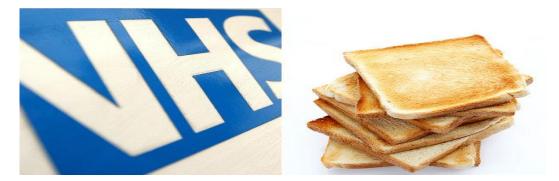


sponge cakes topped with a passion fruit and peach flavoured filling (53%) and half coated in dark chocolate (19%) INGREDIENTS Sugar - Glucose-Fructose Syrup -Wheatflour (contains Gluten) - Cocoa Mass - Pasteurised Free Range Egg - Palm Oil - Concentrated Fruit Juice (Peach, Passion Fruit) - Cocoa Butter - Dried Whey (Milk) -Emulsifier: E471, Soya Lecithin, Sunflower Lecithin - Humectant: Sorbitol - Passion Fruit Flavouring - Gelling Agent: Pectin (from Fruit) - Dried Whole Milk - Acidity Regulator: Citric Acid - Vanilla Flavouring - Raising Agent: E450, Sodium Bicarbonate - Wheat Starch (contains Gluten). Bark Chocolate contains Cocoa Solids 56% minimum. STORAGE For Best For allergens see ingredients in bold. Before, see end of pack. Not suitable for Nut allergy sufferers Store in a cool, dry place, due to manufacturing methods used. away from sunlight. Once opened, store in an Suitable for vegetarians artight container. oo ayapallah d



## Gluten-Free foods on Prescription





#### The Telegraph

"GPs 'wasting millions of pounds' prescribing gluten free foods. GPs should stop prescribing gluten-free foods because doing so is "archaic" and costs the NHS millions of pounds in doctors' time, say experts" (Feb, 2013)"

"Earlier this week, there was uproar at reports that gluten-free food on prescription costs the NHS £116 million per year. The implication was that coeliacs are gorging themselves on fast food, at the cost of the taxpayer, and contributing to the obesity epidemic. But we shouldn't be too quick to judge?" (Aug, 2015)

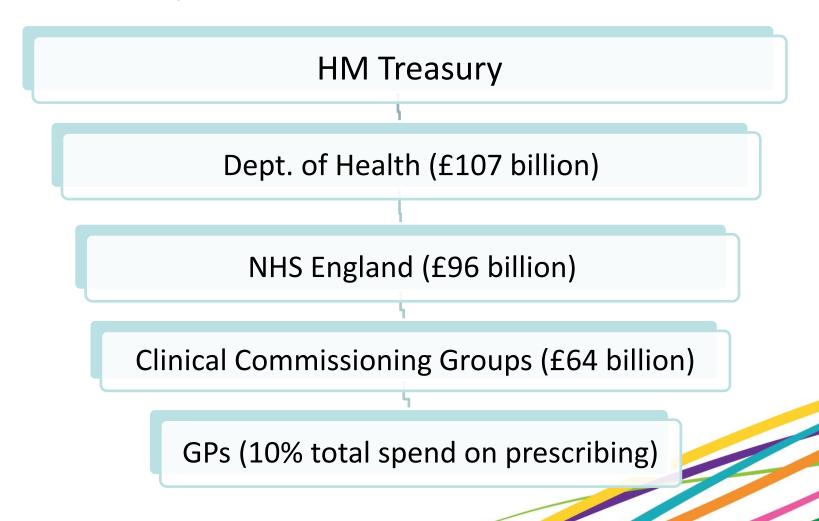


## Prescription charge exemptions

- **Stoma**
- **Diabetes**
- Epilepsy
- Underactive adrenal gland
- Underactive thyroid
- Underactive parathyroid
- Myasthenia Gravis
- Continuing physical disability
- Cancer treatment



### Money flow for prescriptions









# Which GF food is your GP Surgery Prescribing?

West Hampshire CCG (51) Feb 2016	Southampton City CCG (32) March 2016
Bread	Bread Loaves
Crispbreads	Oats
Flour	Flour
Rolls	Pasta (specified brands)
Pasta	
Crackers	
Bread Mix	
Pizza Bases	



#### Risks

- Bone thinning; bone scan
- Nutrient deficiency: Iron, B12, folate
  Vit D and calcium levels
- Sub fertility: 2.7-3% risk in untreated CD
- Small spleen; vaccinations
- Small bowel cancer 1:2000 pa; STRICT GF DIET



#### Treatments?

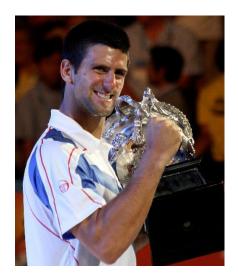
♦ Immusan T's Nexvax2 – restore immune tolerance & prevent disease relapse

◆ Alvine ALV003Alba AT1001Bioline BL-7010

Enzymes; compliment GF diet not replacement



### Non-coeliac gluten sensitivity



- Symptoms akin to coeliac disease
- Absence of coeliac disease on biopsy and blood test
- No long-term complications
- Exempt from GF foods on prescription



#### Questions?



" Would you like your child be in the gluten-free class, the lactose-free class, or the peanut-allergic class?"