

Special Issue on Recent Advances in Dermatitis Herpetiformis

Dermatitis herpetiformis is a chronic inflammatory skin disease that is considered the specific cutaneous expression of celiac disease. Both dermatitis herpetiformis and celiac disease are multifactorial disorders in which genetic and environmental triggering factors play a crucial role, leading to specific lesions in skin and small bowel, respectively.

However, the specific pathogenetic mechanisms of both diseases are still not fully known, as well as it is still unclear why only a small rate of subjects with celiac disease will develop dermatitis herpetiformis. Moreover, the epidemiology of the disease, its association with other skin or systemic diseases and data on long-term follow up of the patients are lacking.

We invite investigators to contribute original research articles as well as review articles that will stimulate the continuing efforts to understand the pathogenesis underlying dermatitis herpetiformis and, more in general, the gluten-sensitive enteropathies, the development of strategies to treat these conditions, and the evaluation of outcomes. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- New clinical and immunopathological features of dermatitis herpetiformis
- Epidemiology of dermatitis herpetiformis
- Other skin manifestations associated to celiac disease
- Novel advances in the pathomechanism of the spectrum dermatitis herpetiformis/ceciac disease
- Diagnostic markers and diagnostic strategies
- Management of skin involvement in dermatitis herpetiformis
- Novel therapeutical approaches for gluten sensitive enteropathies

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