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Celiac Disease

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Synonyms

[Celiac sprue](#)

Description

Celiac disease or gluten-sensitive enteropathy is an immune-mediated disorder of the small intestine of genetically susceptible hosts that leads to malabsorption of nutrients. Celiac disease is caused by a reaction to gliadin, a prolamin (gluten protein) found in wheat, and similar proteins found in the crops of the tribe Triticeae (which includes other common grains such as barley and rye).