Response to Letter to the Editor: Implications of Celiac Disease Among Patients Undergoing Gastric Bypass

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Dear Editor,

We thank the letter writer as well as the Editorial Board at Obesity Surgery for the opportunity to expand on and strengthen our manuscript, “Implications of celiac disease among patients undergoing gastric bypass.” Of the original 68 patients reviewed for abnormal serology or pathology, one had diagnosis of non-celiac gluten sensitivity (NCGS). We suspect this may in part be due to the absence of well-defined diagnostic criteria for NCGS [1, 2], especially given our patient search yielded surgeries as

remote as 2002. No patients had a diagnosis of wheat allergy. The remaining patients had some criteria but not all to fulfill the AGA criteria for celiac disease, and as such, remain with an unspecified other diagnosis.

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