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discussions, and may decide upon very long-term follow-up to exclude late relapses.

Meanwhile the search continues *in vitro* (Katz and Falchuk, 1978) and *in vivo* for 'the basic coeliac defect'. The answers to some of the clinical problems discussed above may have to await this dénouement.

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¹ International Steering Committee of Medical Editors. Uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals. *Br Med J* 1979; **1**: 533–535.

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