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Methods A rat model of cholestasis was established by bile duct ligation (BDL) and compared with a sham group receiving laparotomy without BDL, with resveratrol or control treatments following BDL. The expression of proteins involved in the apoptotic and autophagic pathways were analyzed by western blotting. Apoptosis was examined by TUNEL staining.

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Conclusions Our results indicate that early resveratrol treatment reverses impaired liver function within hours of BDL.

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Results In our four patients with EO and villous atrophy, at least three have potentially allergic changes instead of full-blown CD.

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Background “Gluten intolerance” is commonly diagnosed and often confused in the public mind with coeliac disease. Authors in Western Australia recently demonstrated an approximately 5% rate of coexistence of eosinophilic oesophagitis (EO) with villous atrophy. We asked whether our population was similar.

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Methods Aims To assess compare the results of tissue transglutaminase (tTg) with small intestinal biopsy results in children who had oesophageagoastrroduodenoscopy (OGD) to assess for coeliac disease (CD) at the National Children’s Hospital, Tallaght, between January 2008 and December 2009.

Methods We reviewed the patients’ records for all OGDs performed to assess for CD during the study period. Small intestinal biopsy results versus the tTg results were recorded.

Results 61 patients had an OGD performed during this period for assessment for CD (age 2–15 years). Three were excluded because no tTg was performed or recorded. Of these, 26 patients were males with male to female ratio of 0.8:1.

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