**GROWTH IN THE COELIAC DISEASE OF THE CHILD**

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**The aim** of the present study was to evaluate growth of celiac disease (CD) patients.

**Results**

Growth was significantly more delayed in CD patients (103 girls, 92 boys) than Sempe, Pedron subjects. However, evident catch-up growth was noted between the 18 and 21 years age (103 CD girls and 92 CD boys).

**Subjects and methods**

- Growth was assessed by:
  - Longitudinal study, compare coeliac disease growth to Sempe, Pedron growth.
  - Semi longitudinal case-control study. Controls (celiac brothers and sisters).

**Growth in CD patients (103 girls, 92 boys)** compared with Sempe, Pedron subjects.

**Semi-longitudinal study of growth**

The mean final height was: 158, 42 ± 6.3 cm (269 women CD) vs 162, 17 ± 6.3 cm (193 controls: p<0.001).

The mean final height was 170, 28 ± 7.5 cm (194 men CD) and 172, 53 ± 6.8 cm (200 controls: p < 0.09).

**Conclusion**

Growth and final Height are delayed especially in the CD girls.