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Gluten
free
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Performance Criteria for Acceptance of Quantitative Gluten Methods

*Development of Arab Analytical Method
Standards for the Determination of
Gluten in Gluten Free Foods*

In conjunction with



- Food Allergens and Gluten Management
- AOAC Guidelines
- ELISA-based Analytical Methods
- The Arab Food Allergen Management Initiative

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The Arab Gluten and Food Allergens Management Initiative

Summary of Achievements and Future Perspectives

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Objectives



To promote safe food alternatives for celiac individuals



To support robust regulatory approach for Gluten-Free foods



To develop enablers of evidence-based decision making on Gluten-Free requirements in the Arab region

Questions to be Answered via the Initiative



Data Generation and Collection to Support Application of Codex Guidance

- What is the level of exposure to gluten, following a gluten free diet in Arab countries?
- Is the Codex standard : 20 ppm cut-off protective enough?
- Is there enough supply of alternatives to gluten-containing foods?

Promote Availability of Safe and Innovative Gluten-Free Food Alternatives

Initiatives Underway

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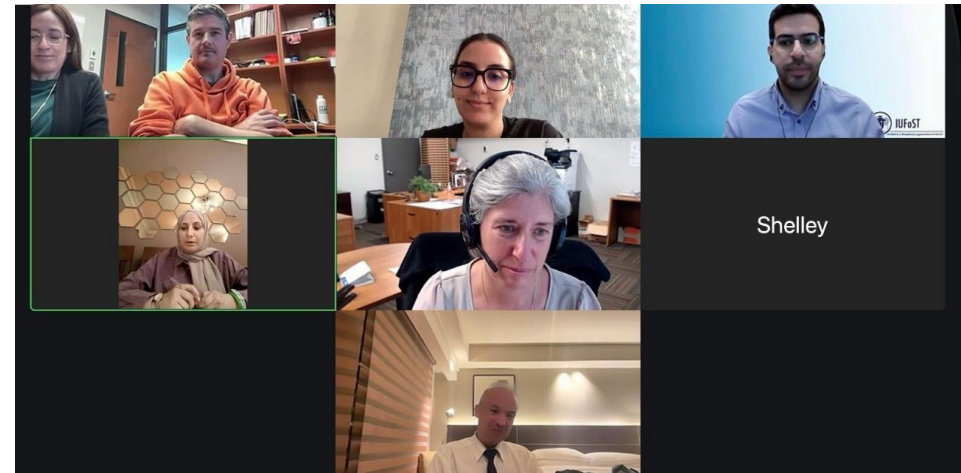
Supporting the Arab Network of Celiac Patients' Associations

Participation of the **Jordan Celiac & Non-Celiac Care Providers Society** to Pannel Discussions during the:

- 2nd Annual Symposium of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL
- 3rd Arab Codex Colloquium



Collaboration between the Arab Celiac Coalition and Celiac advocacy groups in Canada, represented by the **Canadian Celiac Association** and the **Association Quebecoise de la Maladie Céliaque**, facilitated by GForSS.



Initiatives Underway

1 Supporting the Arab Network of Celiac Patients' Associations



Participation of the **Egyptian Association Of Celiac Patients** to the First Egyptian Global Food Safety Symposium (EGFoSS 2024)





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CALL FOR METHODS: GLUTEN ANALYSIS IN FOOD

Invitation for Participation

Initiatives Underway

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**Working towards Standardizing
Analytical Methods for Gluten Testing**

- AOAC International Driven Approach (guided by Codex)
- Arab Official Gluten Free Methods (authentic food for the Arab region)

Initiatives Underway

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Working towards Standardizing Analytical Methods for Gluten Testing

- 2 trainings on the determination of gluten in gluten-free foods using ELISA based methods
 - ❖ 5 - 6 May 2024 at the military laboratories for quality control - Jordan Armed Forces - Arab Army – Jordan.
 - ❖ 20-21 August 2024 at the Oman Food Safety and Quality Center (OFSQC).




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Working towards
Standardizing Analytical
Methods for Gluten Testing

Development of an online training material on ELISA based approaches used to test gluten in gluten-free food

Initiatives Underway

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**Data Supporting Food Consumption
Information of Celiac Individuals and
their Families**

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Initiatives Underway

Surveys of Gluten Occurrence in Gluten Free Foods either Labelled or Considered / Assumed as such

- Development and implementation of sampling plans.
- Determination of Gluten levels through analytical testing

