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Standardization of Gluten Testing Methods in the Arab Region

Aiming for Arab Official Gluten Analysis Methods

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Objectives



To promote safe gluten-free food alternatives for celiac individuals.



To support robust regulatory approaches for the management of 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?

Initiatives Underway



Supporting the Arab Network of Celiac Patients' Associations



Working towards Standardizing Analytical Methods for Gluten Testing



Data Supporting Food Consumption Information of Celiac Individuals and their Families



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









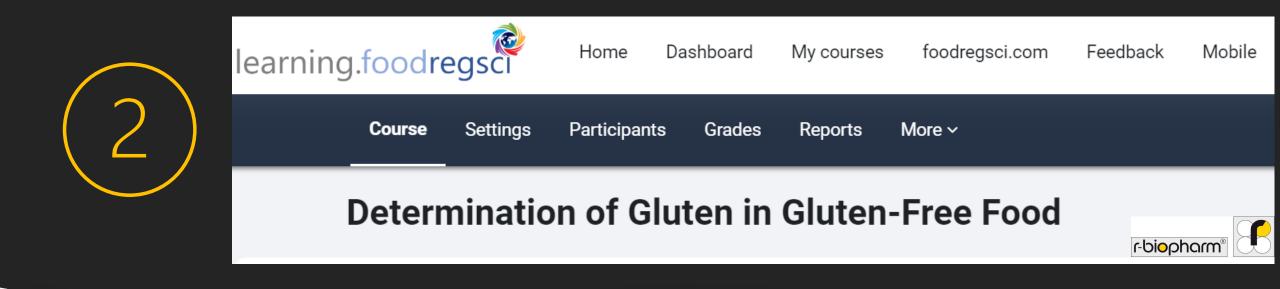
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Working towards Standardizing Analytical Methods for Gluten Testing

Trainings on the determination of gluten in gluten-free foods using ELISA based methods.

AOAC International / Codex Alimentarius Driven Approach.





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



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Development of Arab Requirements for Acceptance of Gluten Quantitative Methods



Verified Gluten
Quantitative
Methods

Develop a Process to Review / Endorse Gluten Quantitative Methods



Advisory Working Group: Quantitative Methods for Gluten Analysis

- Endorsed by the Executive Committee of the Arab Section.
- 3 Arab analytical community representatives
- 1 External International Expert
- 2 Representatives of Arab Section leadership

Initiatives Underway

- Data Supporting Food Consumption Information of Celiac Individuals and their Families.
- Gluten Occurrence in Gluten Free Foods either Labelled or Considered / Assumed as such, through the:
 - Development and implementation of sampling plans.
 - Determination of Gluten levels through analytical testing.

