

Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you for your review of our manuscript. Please find below a point by point reply to your comments:

1. Ala Sharara is a native English speaker and is listed as the corresponding author
2. ORCID were added for both authors
3. Author contributions added
4. Concerning our definition of GERD and erosive esophagitis (EE), we have clarified what is meant by EE and how it differs from GERD. We understand that EE is considered an extension and complication of the disease known as GERD, however it is also crucial to understand that it is an entity of its own with different clinical implications.
5. Conflict of interest PDFs were submitted with the original submission, please advise on whether a resubmission is necessary
6. Core tip has been added to the manuscript
7. Audio core tip has been recorded and submitted
8. References were revised and edited using Endnote and the referencing format provided by the World Journal of Gastroenterology website

Best Regards,

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