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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I want to thank the authors for bringing up an important and actual topic. I have a few questions. Why didn't you perform pH-monitoring for your patients? This method is considered the "golden method" for diagnosing GERD, and esophagitis A and B are don'tt always indicate on GERD, according to the 2018 Lyon Consensus. We know that about 60% patients with GERD have nonerosive form of disease. And how did you exclude from the whole group patients with functional disorders, such as hypersensitive esophagus and functional heartburn?