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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors need to describe the current available literature thoroughly. Also the lacunae in current literature need to be emphasized. The authors need to mention about the future directions in detail. The detailed comments are added in the manuscript file.



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article “Review: Esophageal Lichen Planus: Current Knowledge, Challenges and Future Perspectives” is interesting. I have some suggestions that could improve its quality. In general terms, authors must reconsider the use of references, adapting them to the text and eliminating all those that are not necessary for ELP. Summary: - When you indicate that include your cohort of patients, which cohort are you referring to? What number of patients is included in this study from your cohort? Do the patients belong to previous studies? This point should be clarified - From the review you provide, can it be subtracted that topical corticosteroids improve in 2/3 of the patients? Do you consider corticosteroids drugs immunosuppressive? “However, treatment with topical steroids induces symptomatic and histologic improvement in 2/3 of the patients. More severe cases may need immunosuppressive therapy.” Main text: - How did you select the bibliographical references included in the study? what database come from? - You present many bibliographical references that are not necessary for the description of the ELP. - Bibliographical references must be adapted to the content of the sentence. For example “Good therapeutic response was reported with topical corticosteroids such as fluticasone or budesonide leading to clinical and/or endoscopic response rate of 62% up to 74% in ELP [24–28]”. Do references 24 and 25 provide data on the treatment of ELP? However, when referring to Macroscopy and Histopathologic Features you do not indicate any reference. - When you make the following recommendation, what bibliographical reference do you base it on? “To evaluate microscopic changes in patients with known LP, we recommend to take at least two biopsies (in the lower and upper third of the esophagus) regardless if the above-mentioned endoscopic signs are



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not present.” - Table 2: the number of patients with ELP, the treatment received and their response, should be properly differentiated. - Figure 5: The algorithm of Figure 5 is very ambiguous. You should specify sections such as, a) Therapy with topical steroids 2-3x/d, what type of steroid, how long, application method? b) Systemic immunosuppressants, what type and how long? - Do the figures 1-4 belong to your cohort of cases? Should be clarified. -Limitations of the study should be noted.
References: Adapt the references to the guide of the journal