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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

I read with interest the manuscript by C.G. Dietrich et al. The paper represent an opinion review, is well-written and structured. Despite the ability of paraesophageal hernias to cause iron storage depletion is still questionable, I suppose that the the paper allows to summarize current knowledge on the subject, provides both, practical recommendations and ideas for further research. Minor comments. Although the practical approach provided by the authors include a number of examinations, and full algorithm of actions in case of iron-deficiency anaemia is not expected here, I would suggest that the authors highlighted so-called "red flags" (like advanced age, recent unintentional weight loss, etc) to exclude tumours. Faecal occult blood test seems to have low clinical utility, in both, either positive, or negative results. In contrast, iron deficiency associated with H.pylori infection (and atrophic gastritis) should be considered and treated appropriately, as well as coeliac disease, which is another well-recognized reason of this condition. Please, consider to add non-invasive testing for these conditions in the section 3 of the manuscript. This would correspond with the current clinical practice guidelines [24].



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The authors presented a revised manuscript with appropriate changes. The authors addressed my comments, and I see no need for further correction.