

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. The authors answer, in the form of a review of evidence-based medicine some difficult questions pertaining to the management of gastro-esophageal reflux disease (GERD). The paper is well-written and seems scientifically sound. My only comments are: 1. How were these questions selected? Did you survey someone? Do general practitioners ask you these questions frequently? It is unclear to me. 2. I think the manuscript is more suitable for early career gastroenterology or internal medicine physicians, e.g., residents. The questions seem too complex for family physicians or general practitioners. 3. The references are not formatted according to the style of the journal. All in all, the paper is well-written and suitable for publication following minor revisions.

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#### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thanks for the invitation. The main viewpoints and contents of this paper are clear and have evidence to follow. Question 3. 'Nevertheless, it should be noted that erosive esophagitis is mostly healed by PPI therapy, therefore PPIs should be stopped at least 2 weeks before endoscopy. 'It is recommended to provide references.

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#### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I recommend adding questions about other drug therapies for PPI-refractory cases. You should mention prokinetics and the new drug such as potassium-competitive acid blocker (vonoprazan).

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I've review a well written manuscript with clear and practical messages regarding most important questions for GERD. I would recommend for Question 2 clarify why erosions grade A can be present in 5-8% of healthy subjects. Esophageal lesions could not be attributed as normal. But erosions are not always related with GER, in some cases it is presentation of drug related conditions or infection. For Q4. I would not agree that hiatal hernia must be corrected surgically in all cases. What about HH 2 cm, for example? Q7: Could you please explain the abbreviations MNBI and PSPW?



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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

I have no claim.