

ANSWERING REVIEWERS LETTER



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (1782 edited)

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Columns: Case Report

Title: Esophageal stenosis with sloughing esophagitis: a curious manifestation of graft-versus-host disease

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated. It was included a short running title, author contributions, ethics approval sentence, informed consent sentence, conflict-of-interest sentence.

A core tip was included. The audio file was not included because we do not have the material nor the knowledge to record that file. But the content of the core tip is written in this section.

A comment section was included at the end of the article (we have considered that the item "terminology" is not applicable in our paper, because all the terms are familiar to majority of the readers).

2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

In response to the reviewer n° 03262874, we did not perform surveillance endoscopy neither further dilation procedures, because the patient improved soon after the endoscopic dilation, without dysphagia and tolerance for solids after 72h and weight gain of 8 kg after 20 days after the procedure. She also began immunosuppressive treatment after the procedure and rested asymptomatic for the period of follow-up (2 years). In response to reviewer n° 503536, sloughing esophagitis along with severe stenosis requiring endoscopic dilation has never been reported in literature as a complication of chronic GVHD, which is associated to the background disease and its treatment - bone marrow transplantation for acute myeloid leukemia two years ago. The esophageal manifestations described in literature are rare and include vesiculobullous disease, ulceration, esophageal webs, casts or strictures, but no other reported a severe structure like this which required endoscopic dilation.

New sentences were included in purple colour.

3. PMID and DOI were introduced.

4. Images and tables are at the end of the article.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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