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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 00284-review.doc).

**Title:** **Current hurdles in the management of Eosinophilic Oesophagitis – the next steps**

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

1 We have not made the recommended change. We believe that our reference is the correct one. It described the first case of a dysphagic disease, not related to reflux and a clear diagnositic entitiy in its own right. There were three previous paers that reported the presence of increased eosinophils in the oesophageal wall. However, none of these described a case of eosinophilic oesophagitis as it would be described and understood today. The first paper (Landres, suggested by the reviewer) involved a patient with achalasia, the second a case of eosinophilic gastroenteritis (a diffuse gut disease), and the third was a review of eosinophils in GORD.

2 We have amended the manuscript as per the reviewer’s suggestion.

3 We have amended the manuscript as per the reviewer’s suggestion.

4 The suggested reference has been added to the manuscript.

5 The relevant section has been rewritten.

6 We felt that the argument about PPI responsive eosinophilia did not represent a hurdle in the management of EoE. We do however agree with the reviewer’s comments and have addressed this in the text.

7 We have now explained the very important difference between diffuse narrowing (poor distensibility) and focal stricture (fibrosis) in the text.

8 We agree and have altered the wording of our sentence.

9 We agree and have adjusted the text.

10 In the context of current hurdles we do not feel this is relevant in the message of our paper.

11 The manuscript has been amended as per the reviewer’s suggestion.

12 We agree and have adjusted the text.

13 While specific outcomes are a valid aim, we have no evidence to define a target for eosinophil reduction. We do not believe one should be set arbitrarily and therefore do not include it in the text.

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

Sincerely yours,

Michael SJ Wilson

Stephen EA Attwood