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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review article aims to present the treatment options of GERD and explore the biopsychosocial aspects of symptoms, especially the concept of hypervigilance. The authors especially focus on how to improve current GERD treatment through addressing



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physician-patient communication challenges and the opportunities offered by shared-decision making. Generally speaking, this topic is important and this article is very well-written and provides a comprehensive review of the current literature on GERD management, challenges and perspectives. The reviewer only has a few suggestions as follow: 1. In the line 5th -6th of section of "DIAGNOSIS OF GERD", the authors mentioned that only "2 to 3 percent of patients are consciously aware of the symptoms", the percentage seems too low, please make sure the citation is correct. 2. Also in the section of "DIAGNOSIS OF GERD", currently the gold standard of GERD diagnosis is ambulatory "pH-impedance" monitoring, which could detect the presence of "weakly acidic" refluxes for patients with refractory GERD symptoms on PPI. Please make some comments about this diagnosis method.

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The current manuscript reviewed the role of Patient and physician communication challenges and shared decision making in the treatment of GERD, which was often ignored by many physicians in clinical practice. Thus the topic is worth of be



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investigated in details. However, there are some questions to be discussed with the authors: 1. what is the precise role of the communication between physician and patients in the accuracy of the diagnosis of GERD? It is better to discuss it. 2. Does the PPI treatment affect the patients' feeling and communication with their doctors during therapy? 3. Some GERD patients do not respond to PPI treatment as expected, so how to evaluate the impact of communication on it? 4. As for the refractory GERD, how to improve the therapy result by enhancement of communication? 5. The authors should describe how to get a better communication between the patients and physicians.

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