

## ESPS PEER REVIEW REPORT

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision

## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The present manuscript presents a case study speaking to the efficacy of cannabis for the treatment of achalasia in a 31-year-old patient. Findings highlight the potential therapeutic effect of cannabis for this rare esophageal disorder. My comments are offered to provoke further critical thought on the topic of this novel investigation. Minor Issues: 1. Though the authors provide recent references to support statements throughout the manuscript, a number of statements are made in the Background and Discussion sections that would benefit from additional citations, such as the sentences beginning with "The effectiveness of medical treatment is inconsistent..." and "The mechanism of action could involve smooth muscle relaxation..." 2. The authors should state whether the study conformed to the Declaration of Helsinki. 3. The Discussion section, particularly in terms of the potential addiction risk of cannabis, should be elaborated upon. 4. The manuscript would benefit from editing for grammar by a native English speaker. Indeed, there are a number of instances where grammar should be revised (e.g., "...1.5 year before..." "...on the contrary of food intakes..." "...let him still with impaired..." and "...more weight lose and...").