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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a useful narrative review of chronic reflux cough. The review would be improved by a summary table of the pros and cons of the various methods of diagnosis, the work-up of the differential and a comparison of the approaches to therapy. A key points box would be a useful adjunct. There are some minor grammar and spelling issues throughout the document

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Dear Author, I read with interest your review article. It is well written and discusses all topic in GERD related chronic cough. I desire to underline that you could added the finding of a research article recently accepted for publication in Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutic. This paper discovers that baseline impedance (IB) values might improve the ability of MII-pH analysis to recognize patients who better respond to PPI therapy. The authors described that the presence of a pathological AET or pathological IB in patients with chronic cough is associated with a greater probability of PPI response. IB is a promising variable in patients with chronic cough, as it increases the diagnostic yield of MII-pH and allows confirmation of the GERD diagnosis in these patients. (ARTICLE: Reflux pattern and role of impedance-pH variables in predicting PPI response in patients with suspected GERD-related chronic cough. Ribolsi M, Savarino E, De Bortoli N, Balestrieri P, Furnari M, Martinucci I, Casale M, Greco F, Salvinelli F, Savarino V, Marchi S, Cicala M. Aliment Pharmacol Ther. 2014 Oct;40(8):966-73. doi: 10.1111/apt.12919. Epub 2014 Aug 11. (PMID: 25109844) Minor suggestion: Change Ggastroesophageal in Gastroesophageal (1st word in Background) Best



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Regards.

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This paper addresses a common problem faced by gastroenterologists, primary care physicians and ENT. It will be an interesting read for the audience. I will like to point out a few improvements in the paper. 1. The terms GERD and GERC have been used interchangeably in this paper. I suggest they are separated. 2. Causes of chronic cough should be discussed briefly. The major reason of chronic cough being post nasal drip, asthma and then GERD. 3. Relationship between Asthma and GERD ( Increased negative pressure in thorax causing reflux ) should be addressed. 4. Mechanism of cough in GERD, neural arc involved should be mentioned. 5. Complete work up of patients includes imaging of sinuses and chest , pulmonary function tests should be mentioned before it is attributed to GERD. 6. I believe if the evidence cited in every section of paper ( evidence that GERD causes cough, studies talking about medication efficacy should be presented in table form as well. It will make the paper more easy to read and compare the evidence)