

Point-by-point responses to the issues raised in the peer-review report(s)

1. A linguistic revision has been done.
2. In page 8 an explanation about the controls used in the mentioned study by the researchers was added as described below: *These non-responders to PPIs SSc patients, showed on pH-monitoring higher acid exposure times (AETs) than non-SSc patients matched for PPI formulation and dose GERD (61% vs. 18%, respectively),*
3. The reference list was revised
4. Self-cited reference rate. There are 3 self-cited references out of 91 (3,29%) which is in accordance to journal policy