Reviewer's report

Title: Extent and Distribution of the Air Column and Symptoms of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease

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Reviewer: Barry McMahon

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Dear Authors

Unfortunately I am not able to decide if the work in your paper is acceptable for publication as the standard of english is poor and I cannot do your work justice if I do not get the full meaning out of your writing.

I encourage you to get a friend whose mother tongue is english to review the article thoroughly before resubmitting.

By way of other general comments at this time, I think it would be good to include an image of the esophagus showing the presence of air bubbles as not all readers will be familiar with seeing this.

All of your tables need to be tidied up you should seek some advice on this as well. For example it is normal practice to show the resulting mean as the first data and the p-value either in brackets or as the secondary data in a table.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests