

Eosinophilic esophagitis: case series and evaluation of clinical findings

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AIM: Sharing our clinical experience in eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE)

METHOD: 2013-2024, retrospective review

Diagnosis: Multiple biopsies from proximal, middle, and distal esophagus

- · Intraepithelial presence of 15 or more eosinophils: EoE
- Presence of eosinophils between 1-14: low-grade eosinophilia (LGE)

RESULTS:

9 patients;

4 males (44.5%), 5 females (55.5%)

Mean age: 6.6±3.1 (1-11) years

- · Complaints:
 - -Dysphagia (n=8)
 - -Foreign body in the esophagus without stricture (n=1)
- · Primary diagnosis:
 - Esophageal atresia (n=8, 88.9%)
 - Cerebral palsy/epilepsy (n=1,11.1%)
- · Endoscopic evaluation:
 - Trachealisation and streaking (n=3)
 - Hyperemia, granulation tissue formation, and fragile appearance (n=5) (Figure 1)
 - Normal findings (n=1)
- 6 (66.6%) required multiple esophageal dilatation
- Histopathological evaluation:
 - EoE: 8 (88.9%) (Figure 2)
 - LGE: 1 (11.1%)
- · Treatment:
 - 4 (44.4%)-PPI
 - 4 (44.4%)-PPI, and oral steroid
 - 1 (11.2%)- drug-free follow-up
- Follow-up:
- - 5 (55.6%) Complete recovery
- 4 (44.4%) Follow-up is ongoing



Figure 1: Distal esophagus hyperemia, fragile appearance

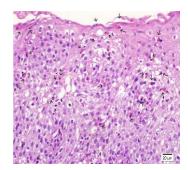


Figure 2: Increased eosinophil infiltration in the distal esophagus (arrows)

CONCLUSION:

- The definitive diagnosis of EoE is established through endoscopy and histopathological evaluation
- Treatment options, including drug-free monitoring, PPI, and/or oral steroids, are tailored to the individual patient.