

Measuring disease activity in EoE: the Endoscopic Reference Score (EREFS)¹

The EREFS grades the severity of endoscopic features, including oedema, rings, exudate, furrows, and strictures, with a numerical score

Major features

Fixed rings (also referred to as concentric rings, corrugated oesophagus, corrugated rings, ringed oesophagus, trachealisation)

Grade 0 None

Grade 1 Mild (subtle circumferential ridges)

Grade 2 Moderate (distinct rings that do not impair passage of a

standard diagnostic adult endoscope)

Grade 3 Severe (distinct rings that do not permit passage of a diagnostic

endoscope)

Exudates (also referred to as white spots, plaques)

Grade 0 None

Grade 1 Mild (lesions involving <10% of the oesophageal surface area)

Grade 2 Severe (lesions involving >10% of the oesophageal surface area)

Furrows (also referred to as vertical lines, longitudinal furrows)

Grade 0 Absent
Grade 1 Present

Oedema (also referred to as decreased vascular markings, mucosal pallor)

Grade 0 Absent (distinct vascularity present)

Grade 1 Loss of clarity or absence of vascular markings

Stricture

Grade 0 Absent Present

Minor features

Crepe paper oesophagus (mucosal fragility or laceration upon passage of diagnostic endoscope but not after oesophageal dilation)

Grade 0 Absent Grade 1 Present