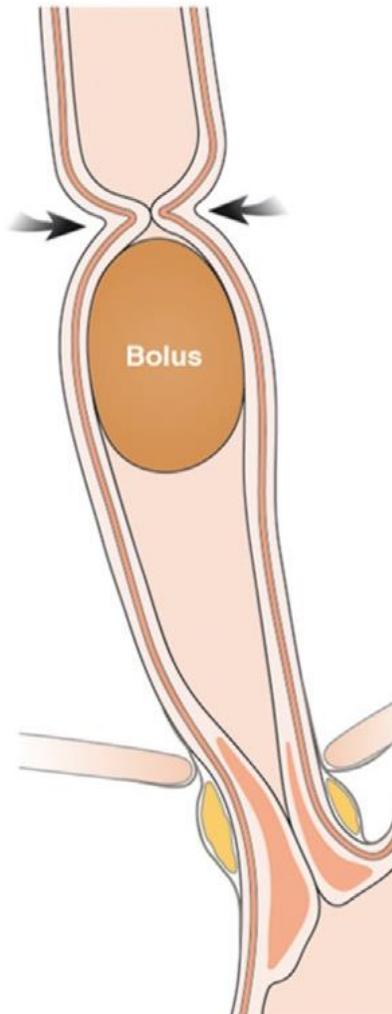
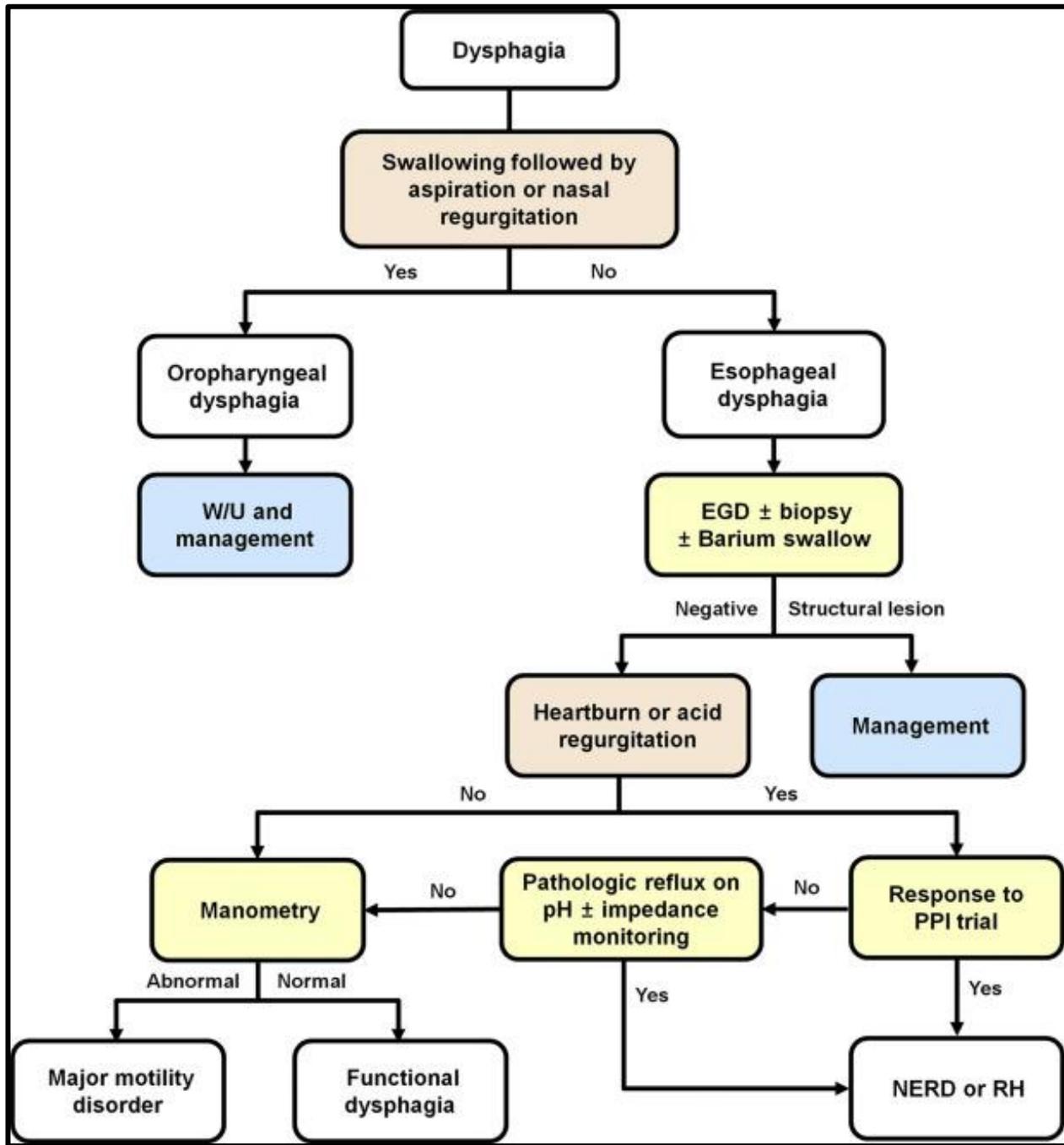


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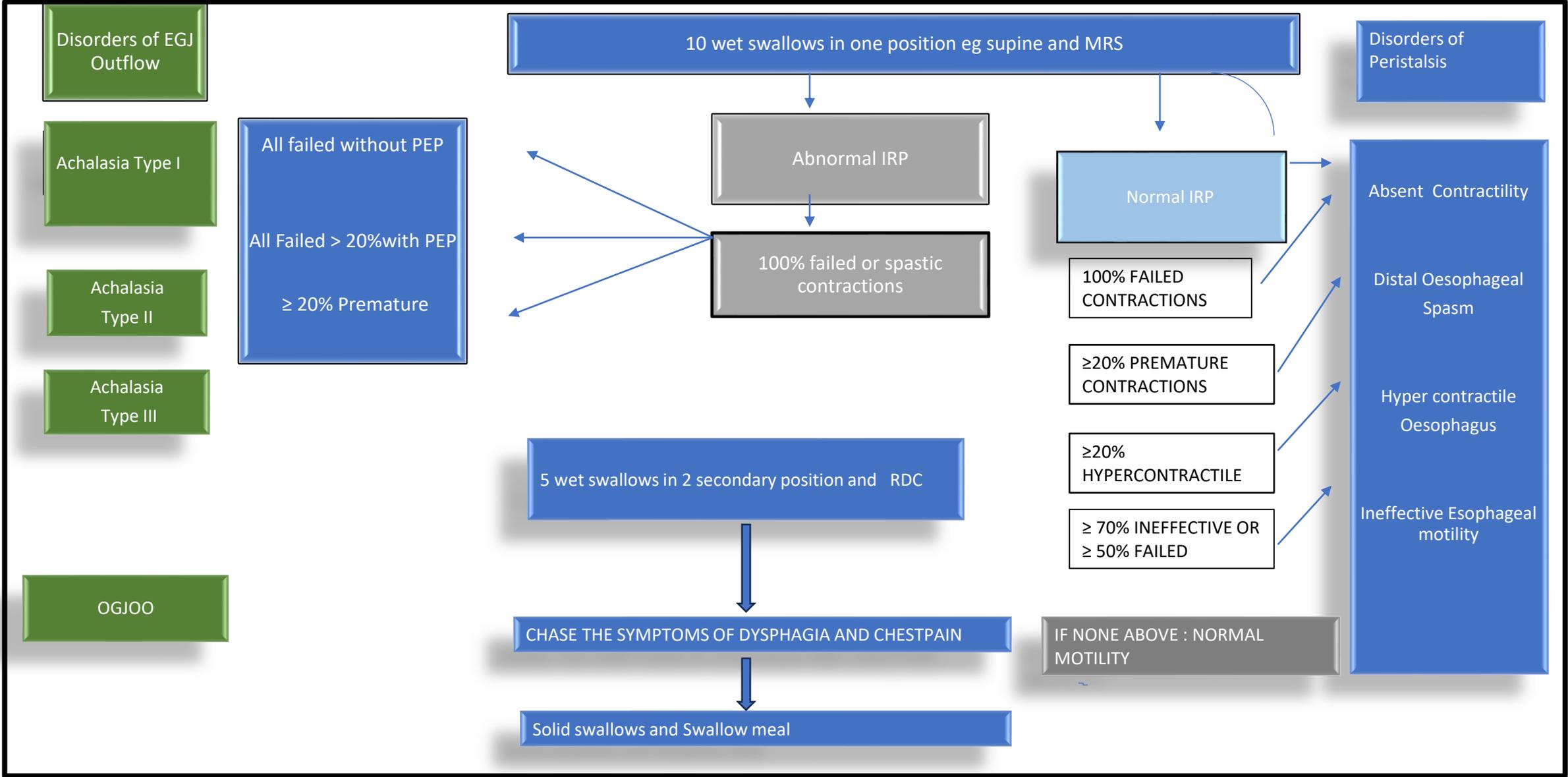
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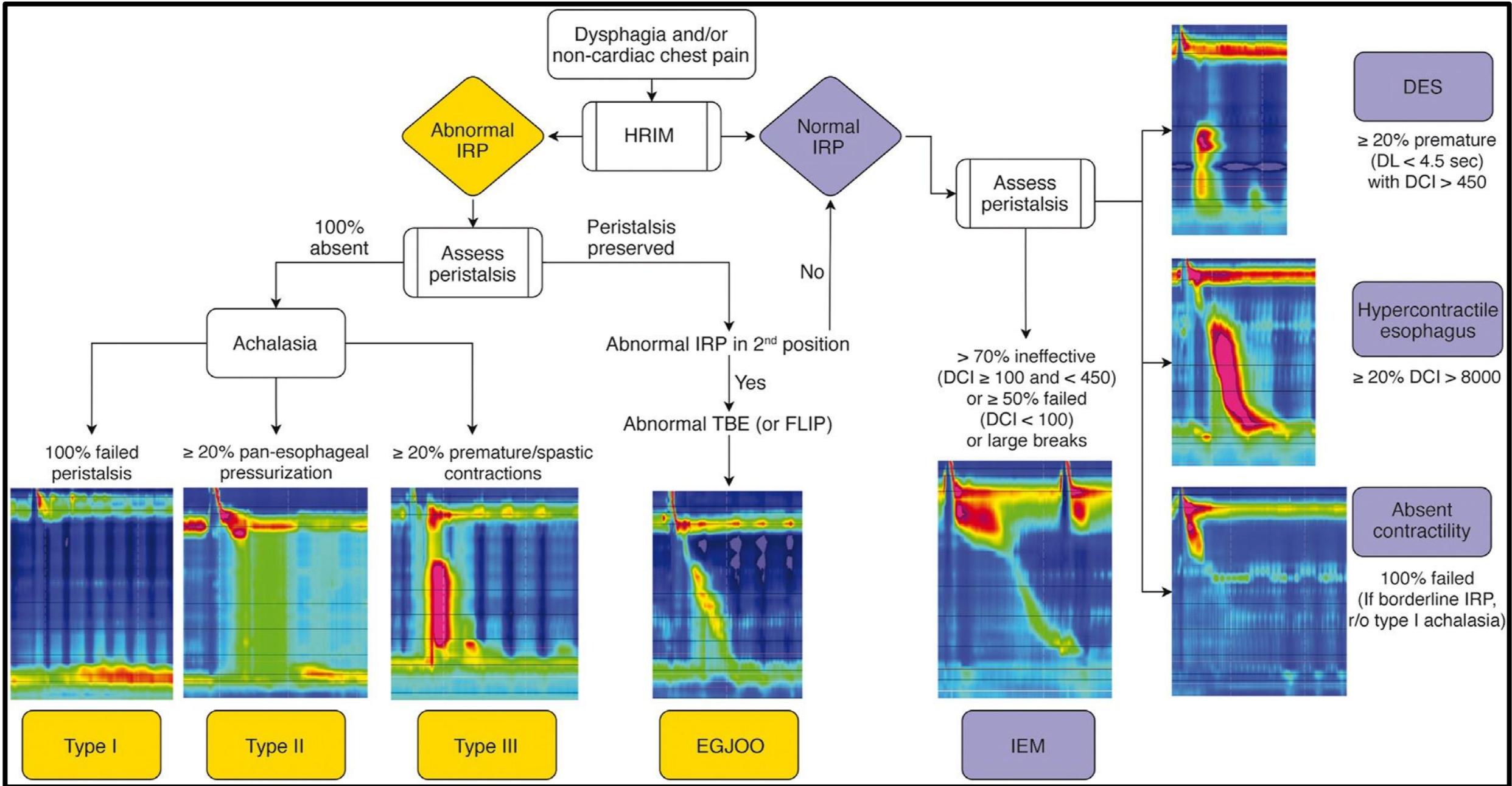


DYSPHAGIA CASE STUDIES



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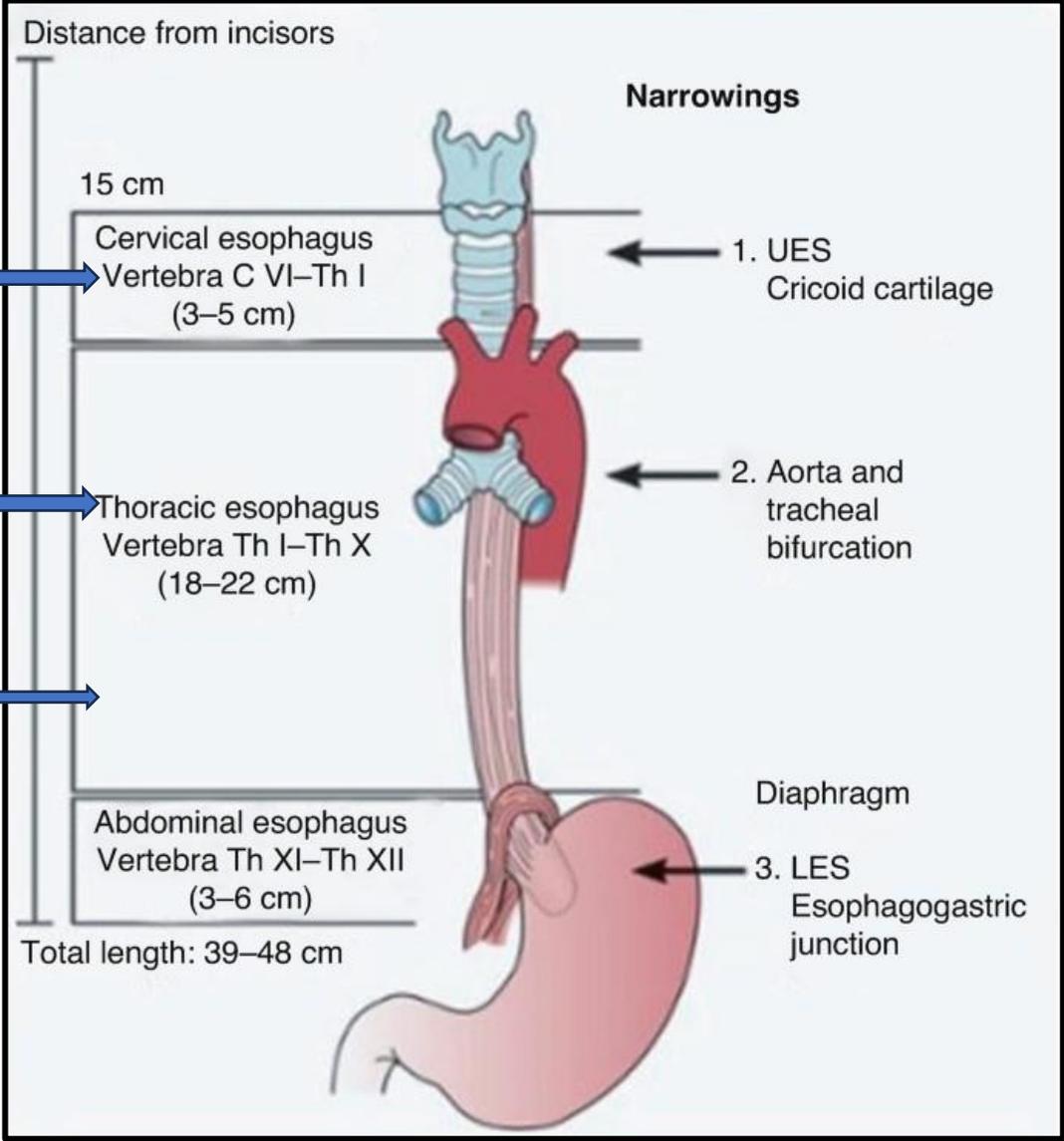


DYSPHAGIA SYMPTOM

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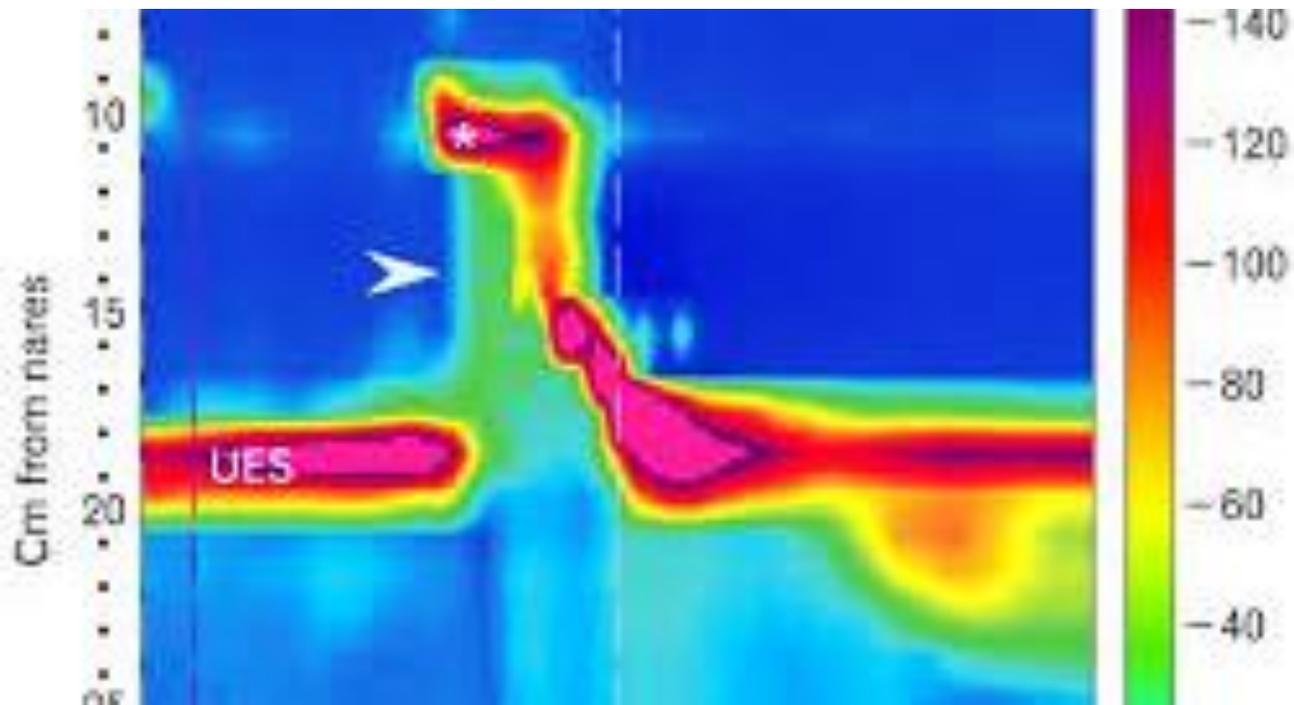
MID

DISTAL





- The patient points to the very proximal part of the oesophagus, when complaining of difficulty in swallowing



- What do you think this could be?

- **Crico-Pharyngeal Bar**
- **Or also called?**
- **What symptoms do the patients also complain of ?**

- **Choke or cough sensation on drinking water**
- **Crico-pharyngeal achalasia**

**And this? Can also present with proximal oesophageal dysphagia  
And what other symptom can the patient present with?**



- **Zenker's diverticulum**
- **Regurgitation of undigested food**

## CASE I

- **Young Caucasian male presented with intermittent dysphagia**
- **What should you ask this patient**

**If he has intermittent bolus obstruction  
of solid foods and had to be admitted  
to ER ?**

**Food allergies**

**What condition are you thinking of ?**

**What would your next procedure be ?**

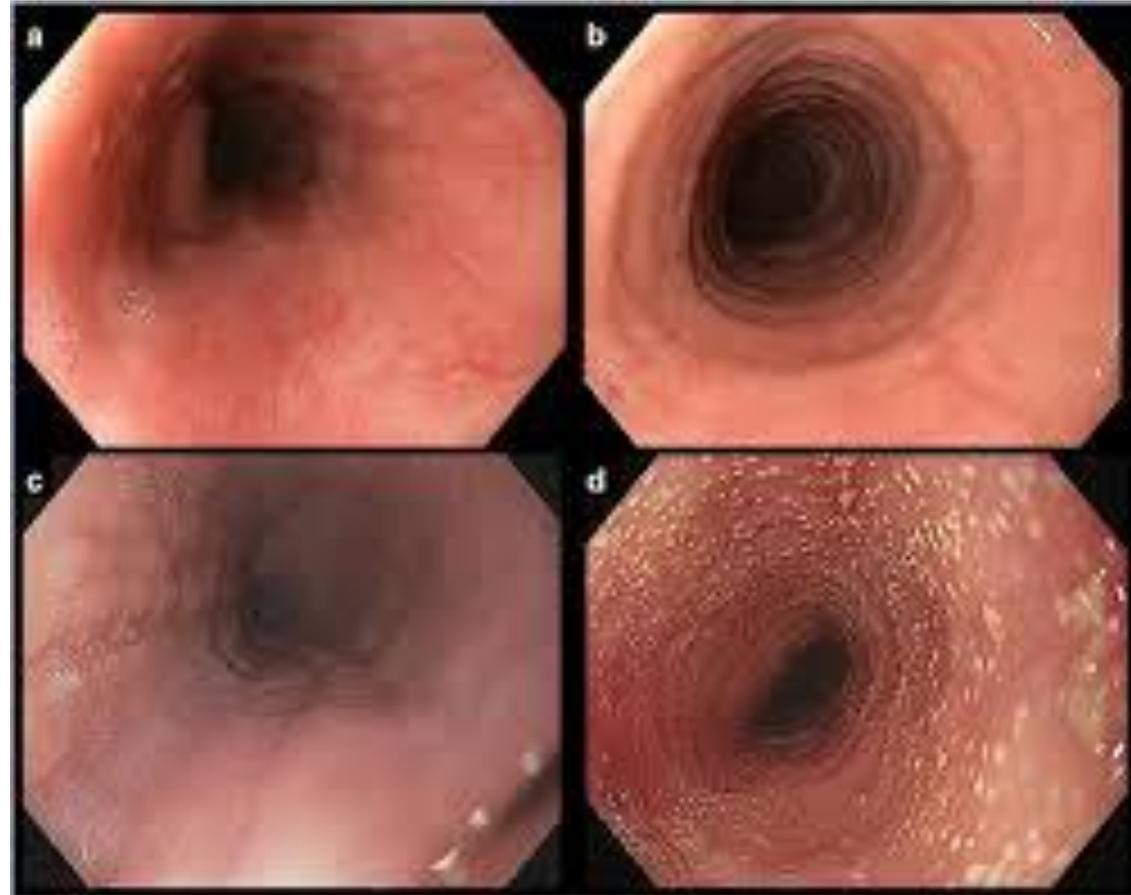
- **EoE**

- **Upper Endoscopy**

## ENDOSCOPY FINDINGS:

Describe them

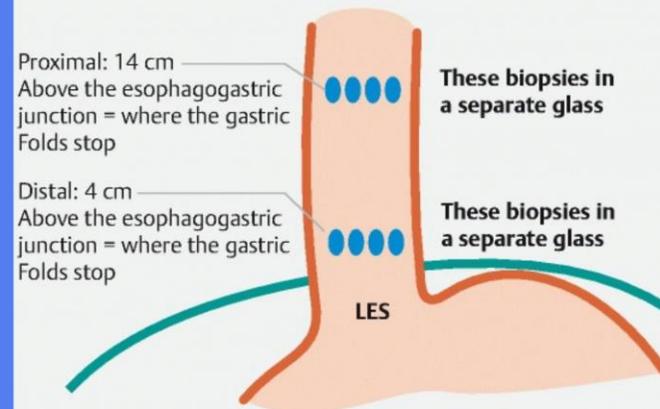
And if the upper  
gastroscopy  
findings were normal  
what should you do.



**Always Take biopsies**

**Where and how many**

Biopsy protocol for **all** patients with DYSPHAGIA **regardless** of a macroscopic normal mucosa.  
REMEMBER 4 – 14 – 4  
Take 4 biopsies 14 cm and 4 cm above the esophago-gastric junction.  
15% will have eosinophilic esophagitis regardless of other comorbidity.



This strategy is the result of the consensus meeting for the endoscopy leaders in the North Danish Region September 2011. For details see the regional guideline on eosinophilic esophagitis. Questions: \_\_\_\_\_  
email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Approach to treatment of EoE?**

**Budesonide slurry** commenced (1mg/2ml Budesonide nebule mixed with sweetener twice daily)

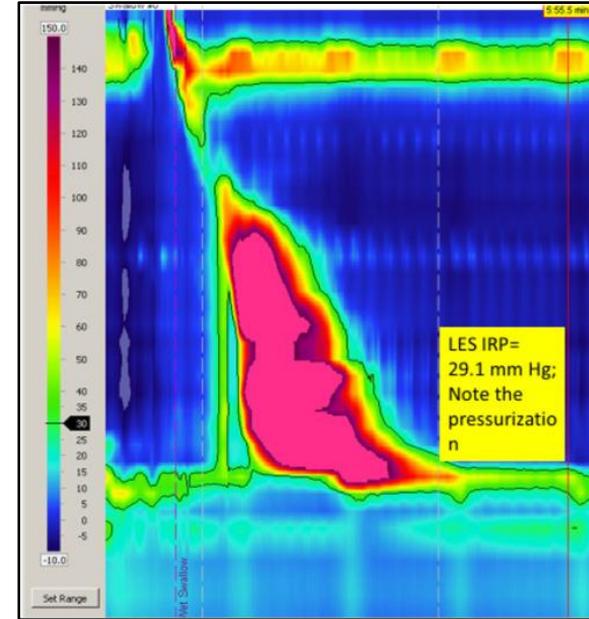


**Budesonide and fluticasone as inhaler or in viscous substance like honey**

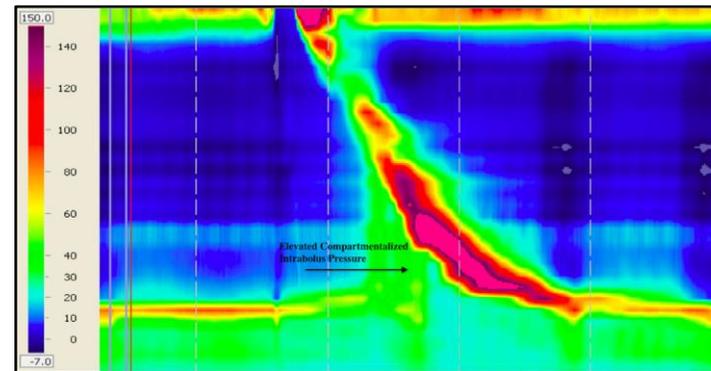
**What Stages of EoE can one find?**

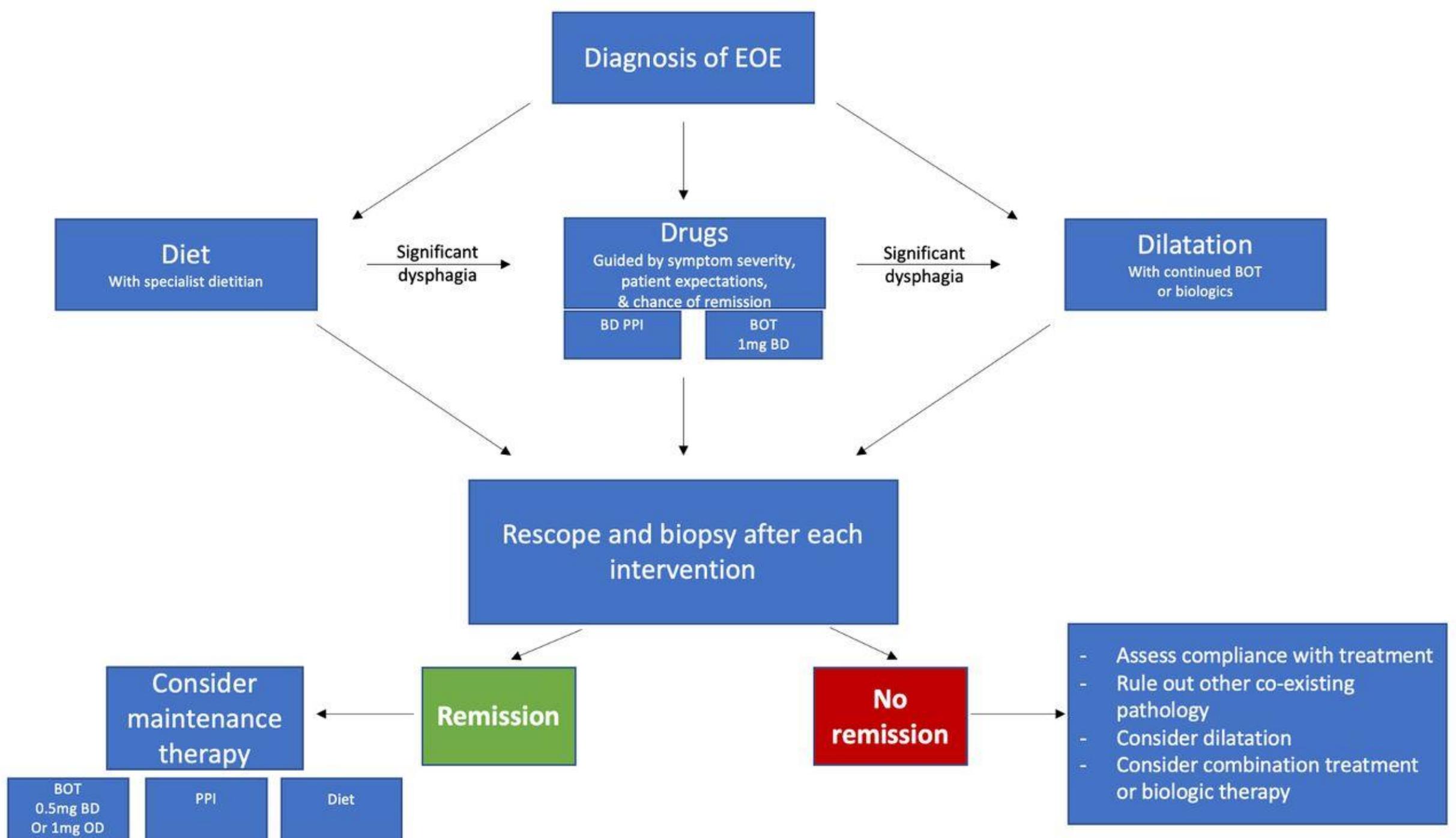
**What could be found on HRM**

**EoE with inflammation can present as an OGJOO**



**EoE with fibrosis can present with Compartmentalized pressurization**





## CASE 1

- 60-year-old lady with 18-month history of dysphagia that has got progressively worse
- Experience heartburn
- Dysphagia with each meal
- Regurgitation to solids with each meal
- No chest pain
- ++ Weight loss >5kg

**Gastroscopy finding:** Distal Oesophageal Diverticula



ID:

Name:

Sex: Age:

D.O.B.:

19/05/2022

09:01:45

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Comment:



**What types of oesophageal diverticula does one find ?**

- **Pulsion diverticulum**
- **Traction Diverticulum**

**What is associated with a pulsion diverticula ?**

**And what is the cause of a traction diverticula ?**

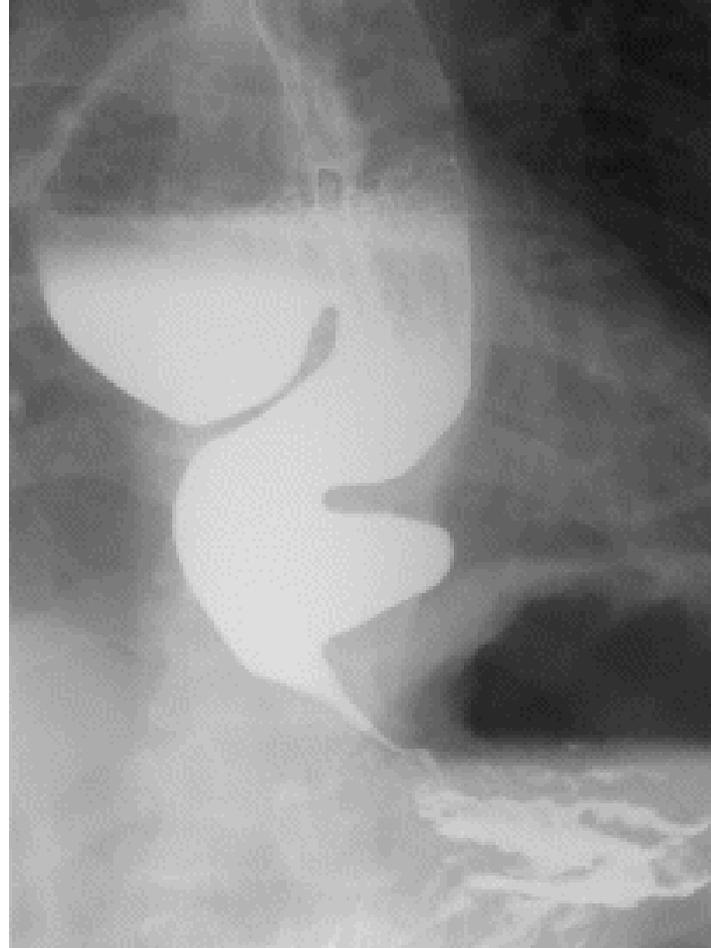
**Looking at the Ba-swallow: What do you expect to find with such a history accept the diverticula ??**

**What do you expect to find with HRM?**

- **Motility Disorder**
- **TB**
- **Achalasia**

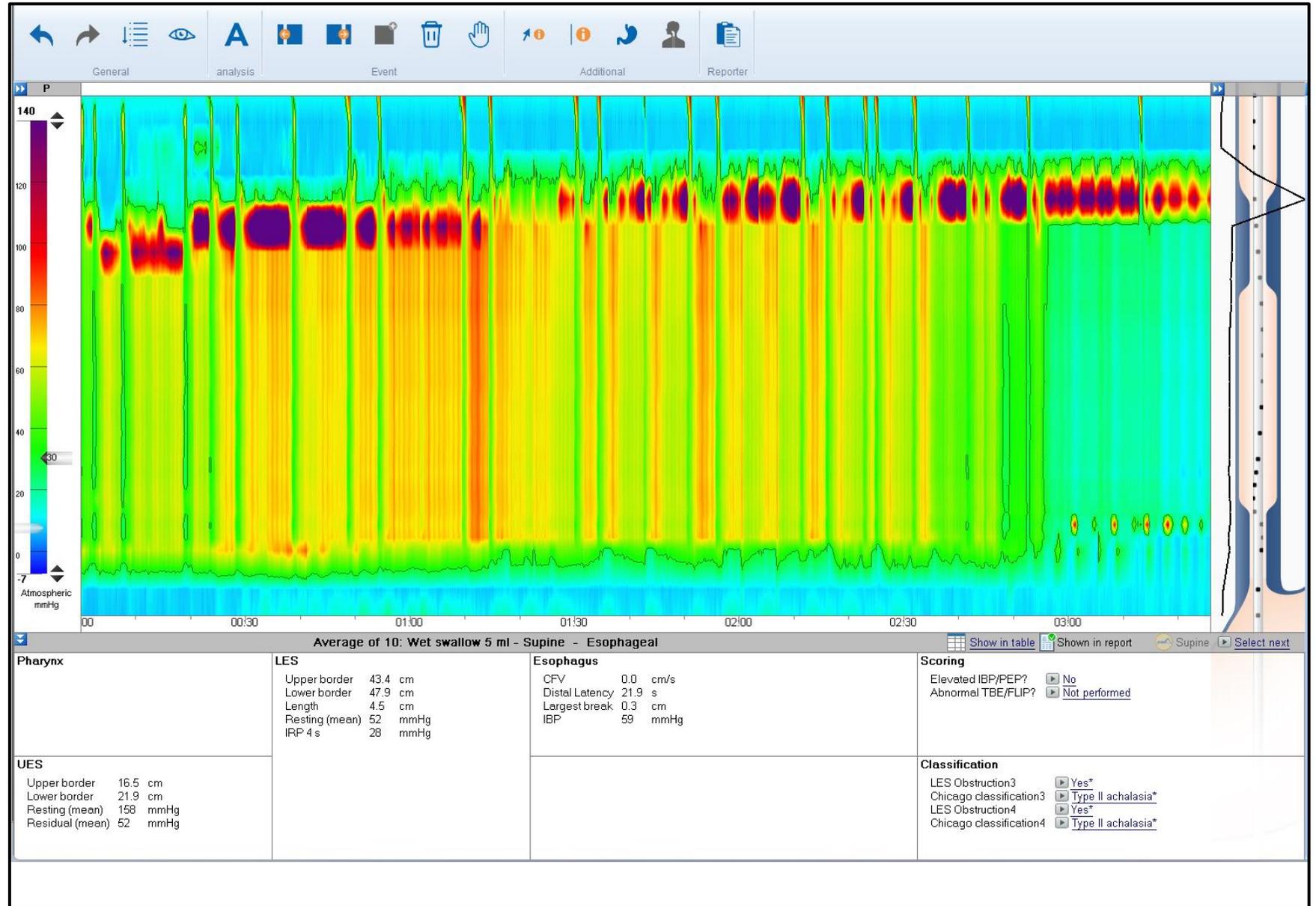
**Dilated Oesophagus**

**Distal Bird Beaked OGJ**



What Type of achalasia

What is strange,  
looking at the study?



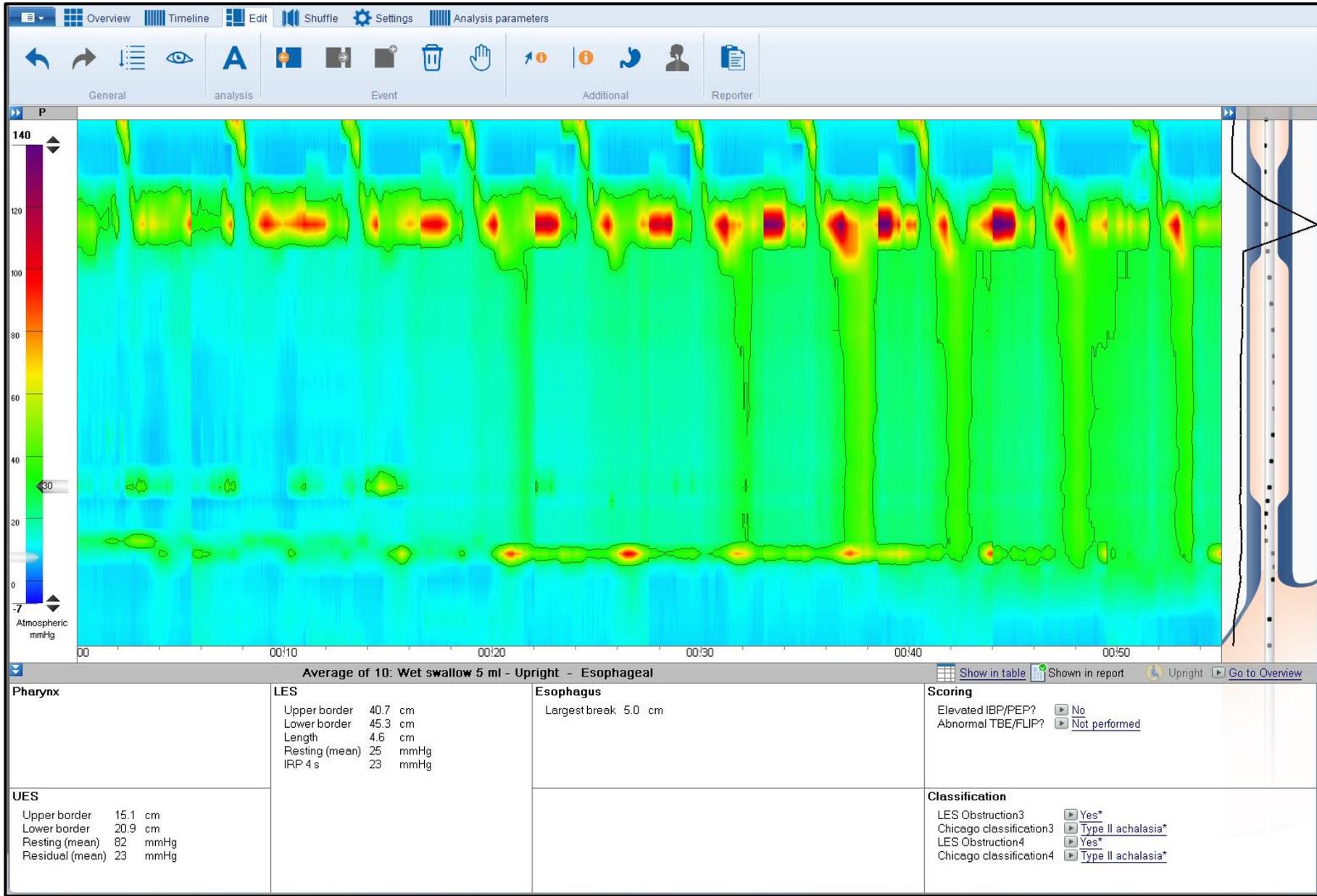


- **Image of Achalasia Type II**

**also called Achalasia with compression**

- **Very high PEP and then the pressure drops**

**Explanation for this ?**



**Oesophagus emptied due to a tLOS**

**The patient did not vomit**

**How would you manage such a patient ?**

- **Pneumatic Dilatation**
- **Heller's Myotomy**
- **POEM**

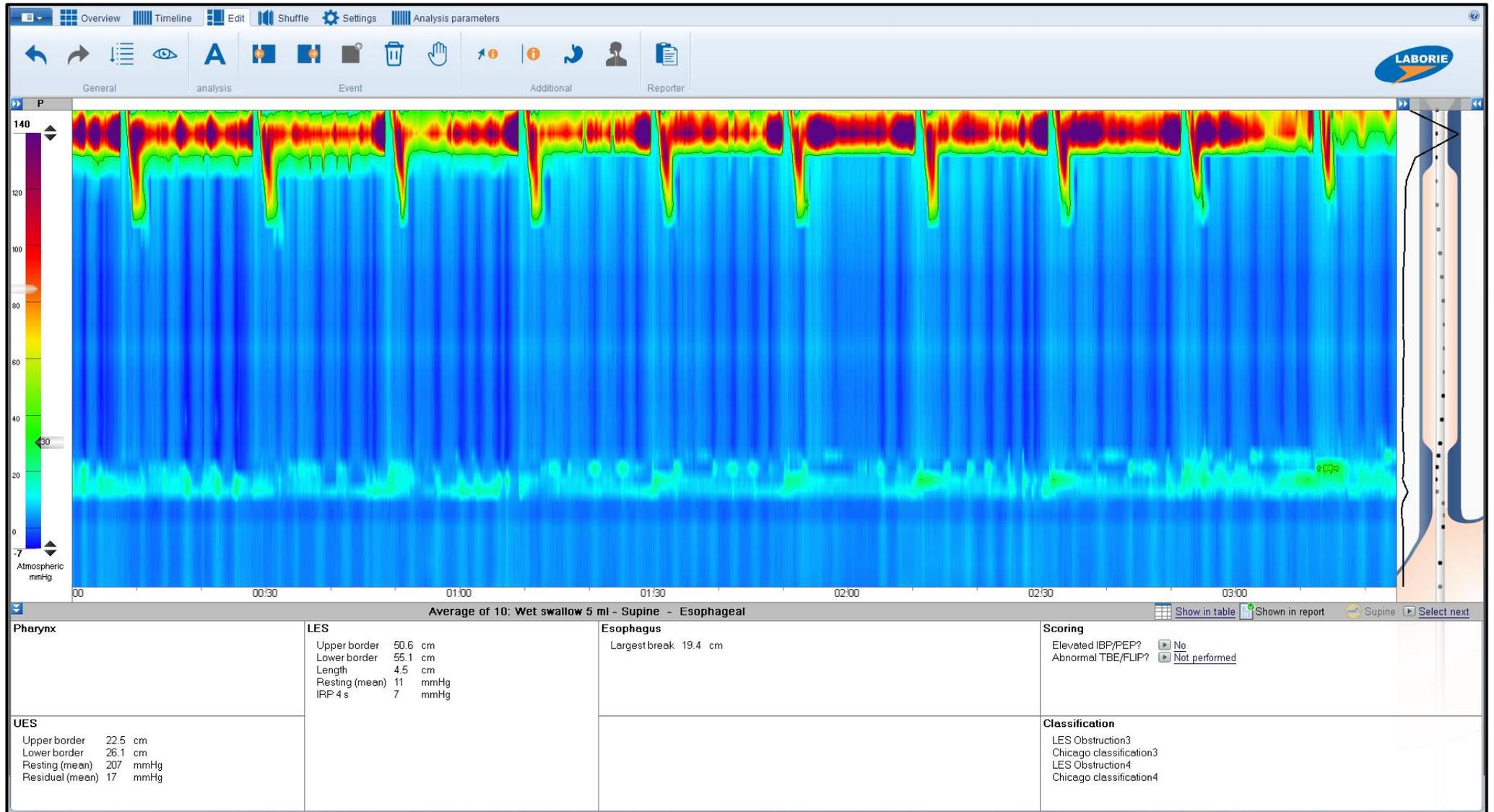
## CASE 2

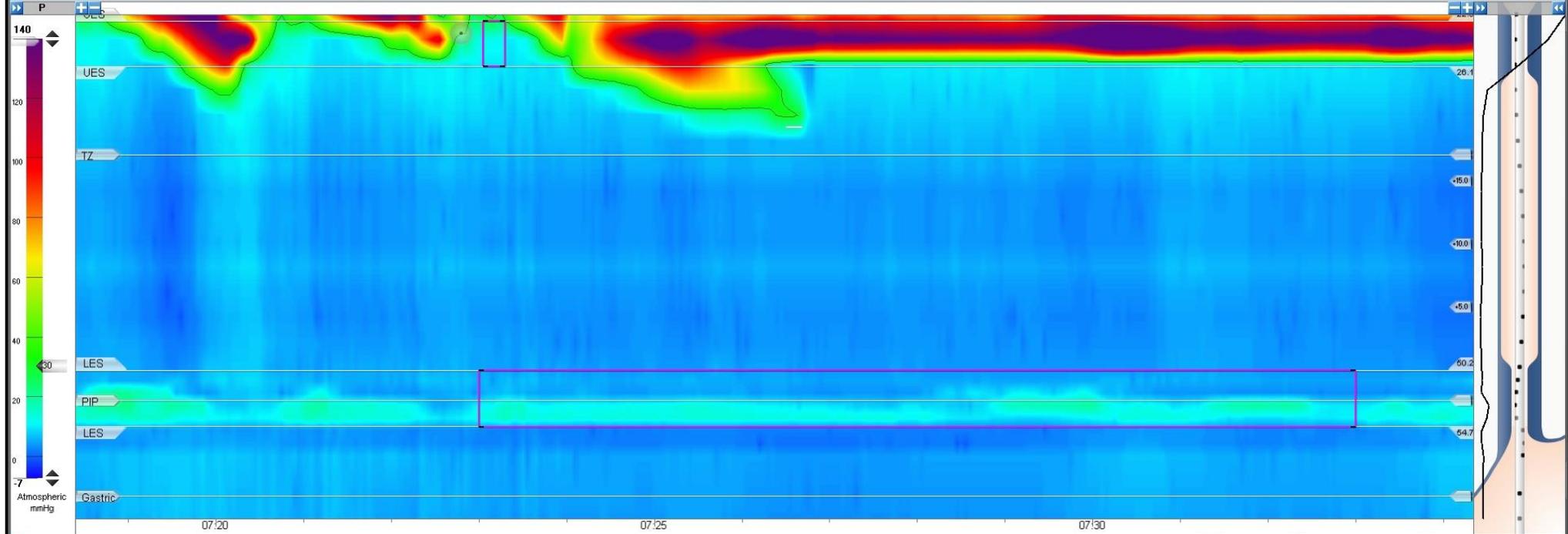
- 57-year-old gentleman changed his diet 2 years ago due to the worry of developing DM
- Dropped his weight from 105kg to 80 kg
- For the past year despite losing weight, he developed severe heartburn and regurgitation

### **Gastroscopy findings:**

- **LA A and a small HH and was prescribed Omez 40mg per day**
- **Heartburn was much improved but not the regurgitation**

What disorder?



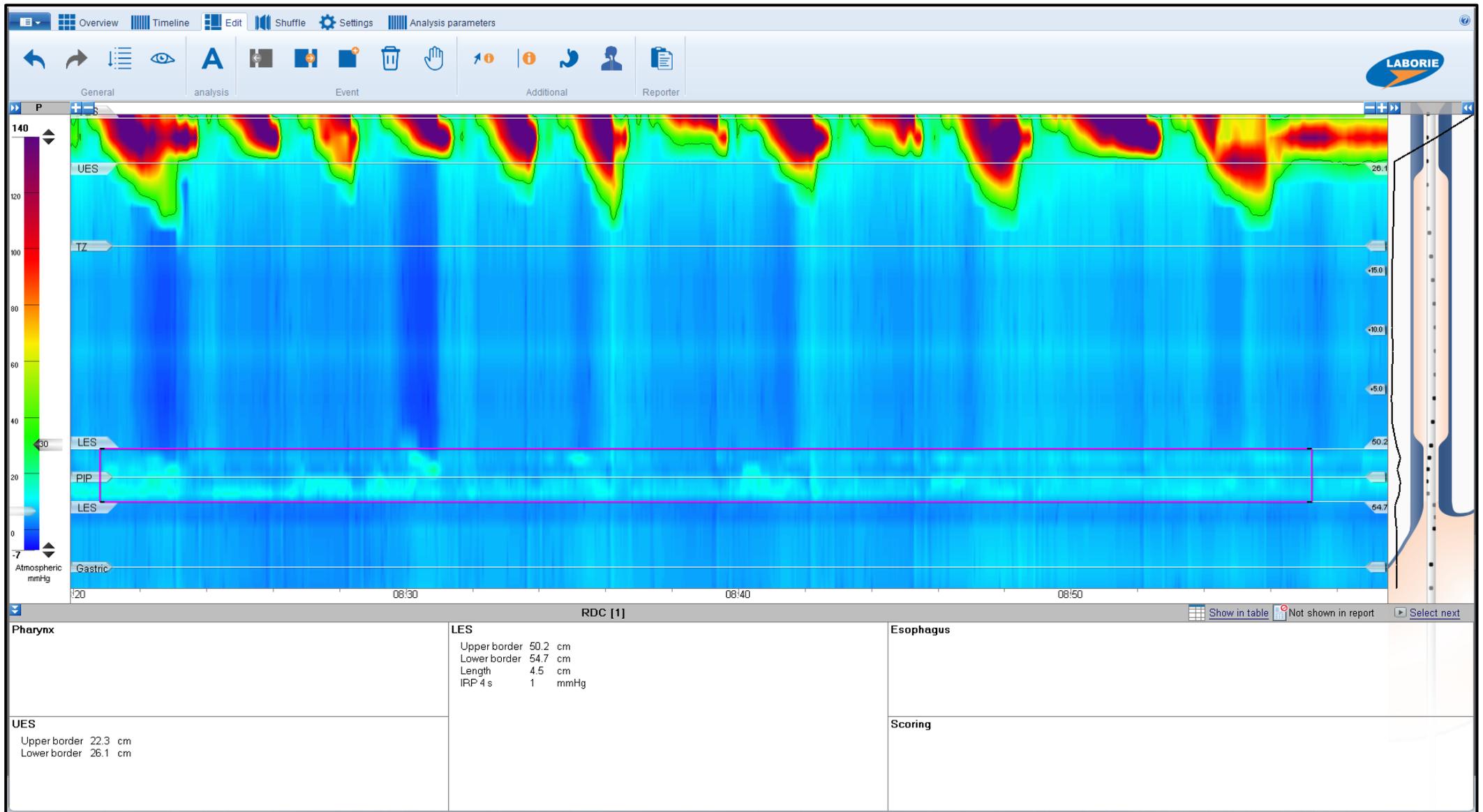


Wet swallow 15 m - Supine [1] - Esophageal Show in table Not shown in report Supine Select next

<b>Pharynx</b>	
<b>UES</b>	Upper border 22.5 cm Lower border 26.1 cm Resting (mean) 207 mmHg Residual (mean) 26 mmHg

<b>LES</b>	Upper border 50.2 cm Lower border 54.7 cm Length 4.5 cm IRP 4 s 9 mmHg Resting (mean) 11 mmHg
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<b>Esophagus</b>	Largest break 19.3 cm
<b>Scoring</b>	Intrabolus pressure pattern <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal pressurization Contraction vigor 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Failed* Contraction pattern4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Failed*



**Absent Contractility  
(Dysfunction of Peristalsis)**

**Why is it not Achalasia Type I**

**Can one get achalasia with  
normal IRP?**

**What systemic illness must  
one exclude**

- **IRP is to low (unless it is a treated achalasia Type I)**
- **Yes , but IRP will be at the upper range of normal with classic symptoms**
- **Connective tissue disease eg scleroderma**

**How would you treat such a patient ?**

**Would be conservative and treat with PPI**

**Why not a fundoplication ?**

- **Because of absent contractility and poor peristaltic reserve**
- **What do you look at in HRM to assess the peristaltic reserve**

- **MRS**
- **RDC clearance contraction**
- **Solid swallows**

**What is the dysphagia Score?**

**Can predict late outcome post – fundoplication  
dysphagia**

**If the score is <1**

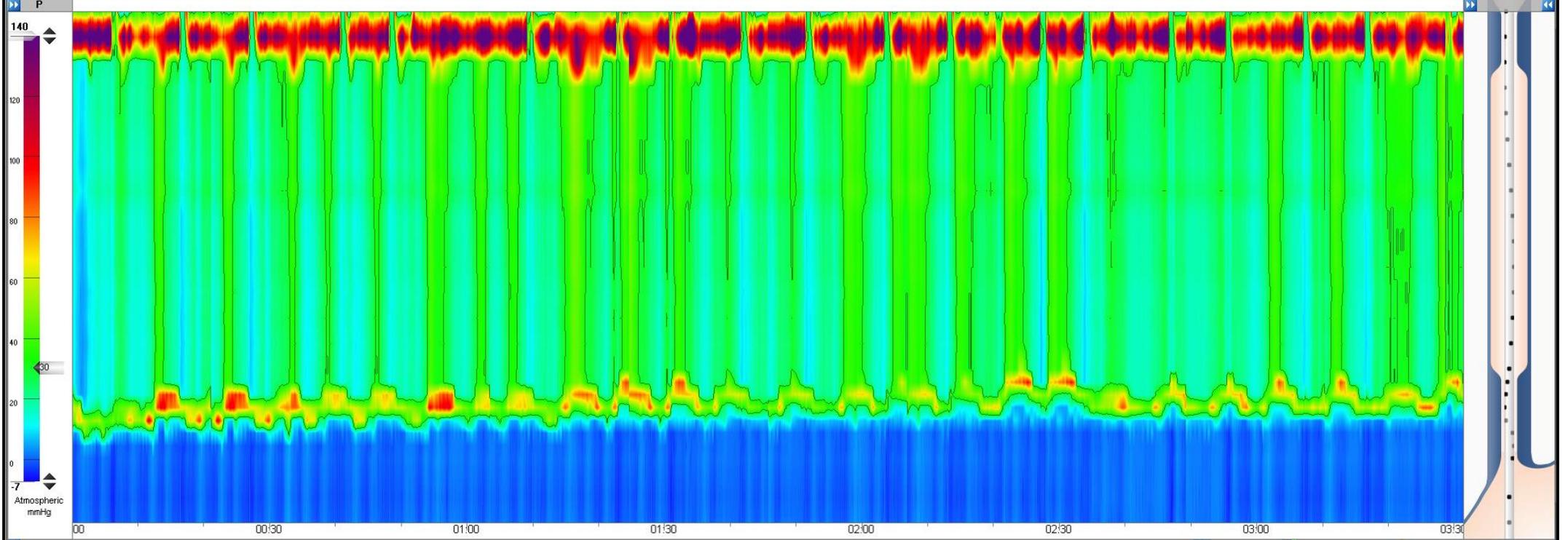
**MRS DCI /Mean DCI of the 10 swallows of water**

## CASE 3

- 22-year-old male student developed regurgitation when eating fruit at the end of 2022
- Became progressively worse and now he experiences regurgitation with each meal and in between meals he vomits foamy mucous but not acidic
- Burp when he eats
- Occasional chest pain
- Slight dysphagia per occasion
  
- Weight loss of 4 kg (currently 61kg)
  
- No heartburn
- No other co-morbidities

**What could this be on the history alone ?**

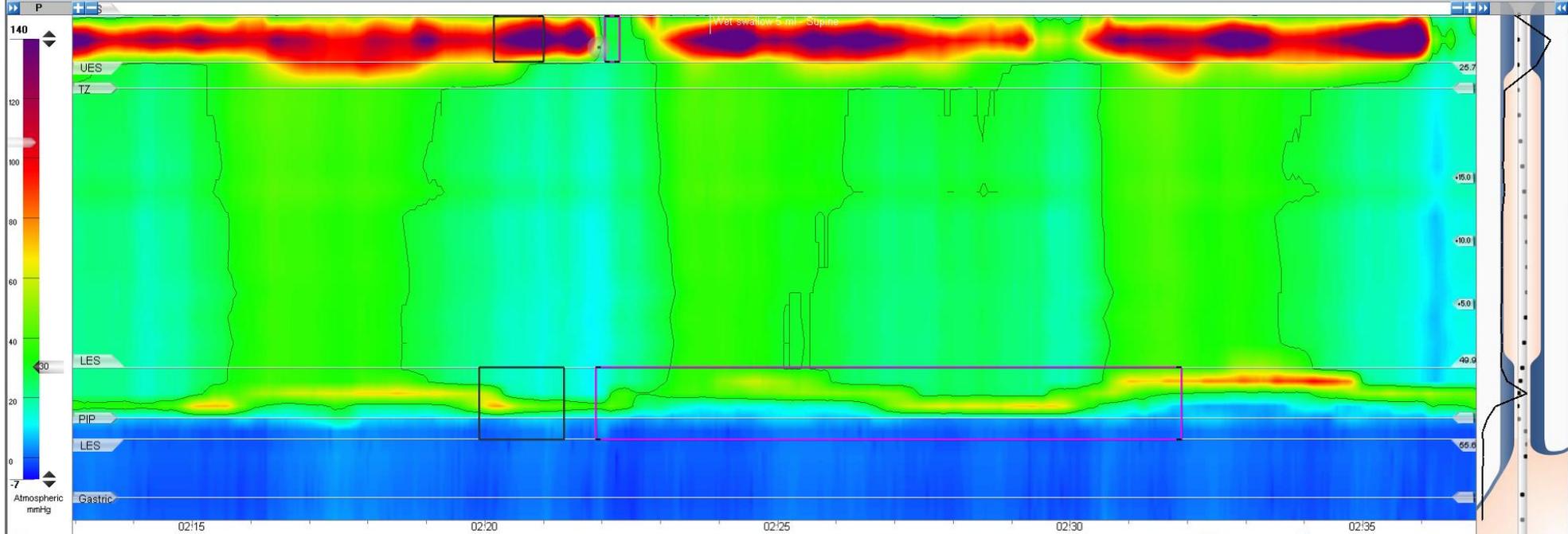
- Achalasia or EoE



Average of 10: Wet swallow 5 ml - Supine - Esophageal

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<b>Pharynx</b>	<b>LES</b> Upper border 50.4 cm Lower border 55.5 cm Length 5.1 cm Resting (mean) 61 mmHg IRP 4 s 52 mmHg	<b>Esophagus</b> Largest break 0.0 cm	<b>Scoring</b> Elevated IBP/PEP? <input type="checkbox"/> No Abnormal TBE/FLIP? <input type="checkbox"/> Not performed
<b>UES</b> Upper border 22.3 cm Lower border 25.7 cm Resting (mean) 155 mmHg Residual (mean) 37 mmHg			



**Wet swallow 5 ml - Supine [7] - Esophageal**

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<b>Pharynx</b>	
<b>UES</b>	
Upper border	22.1 cm
Lower border	25.7 cm
Resting (mean)	159 mmHg
Residual (mean)	29 mmHg

<b>LES</b>	
Upper border	49.9 cm
Lower border	55.6 cm
Length	5.7 cm
IRP 4 s	44 mmHg
Resting (mean)	57 mmHg

<b>Esophagus</b>	
Largest break 0.0 cm	
<b>Scoring</b>	
Intrabolus pressure pattern	
Contraction vigor 4	
Contraction pattern 4	

**Type II Achalasia /Achalasia with compression**

**Why?**

**Increased IRP**

**>20% of pan-esophageal pressurizations**

**Definition of PEP**

**Intra-bolus pressure that stretches from the  
UES down to the LOS Upper border**

## CASE 4

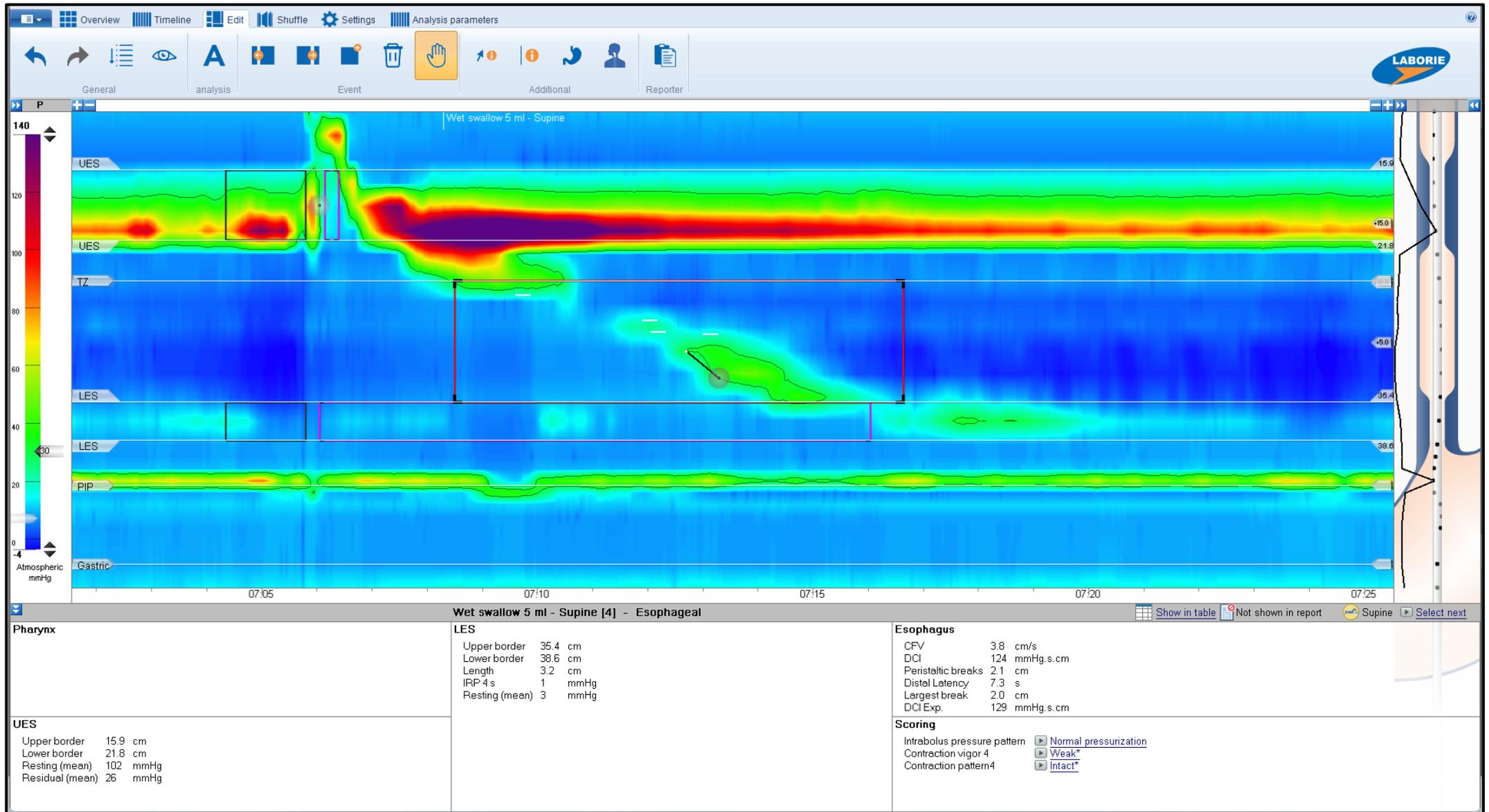
- 69-year-old lady with typical GERD symptoms

### **What are the symptoms?**

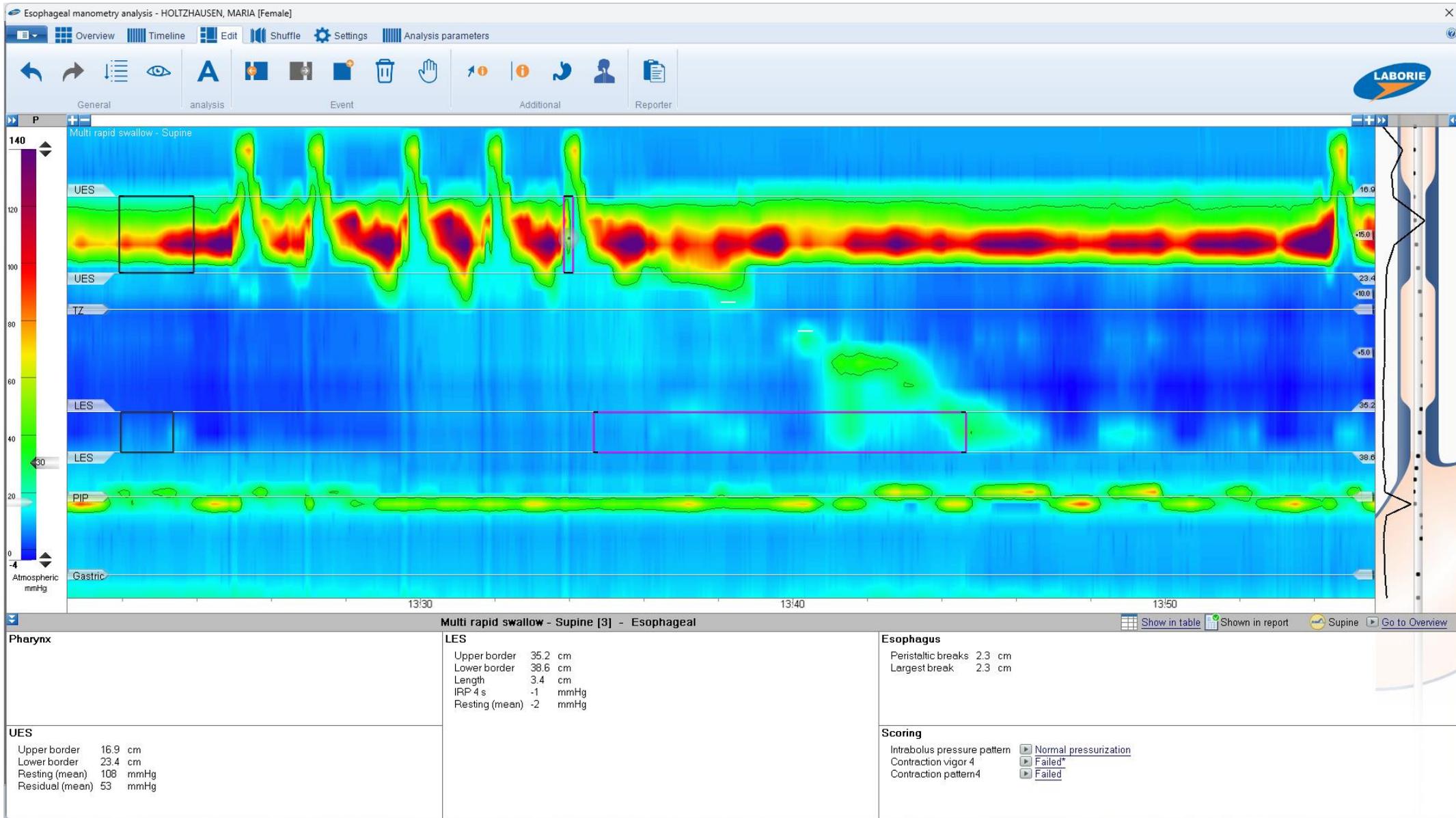
- Gastroscopy findings : Normal except for a hiatus hernia
- Ba-swallow confirmed the HH

**With above findings what would you expect to find with HRM ?**

**Hypotensive LOSP , HH and IEM associated with GERD symptoms**



**What else would you perform during HRM in this case and why ?**



MRS

**To assess peristaltic reserve if a fundoplication is planned**

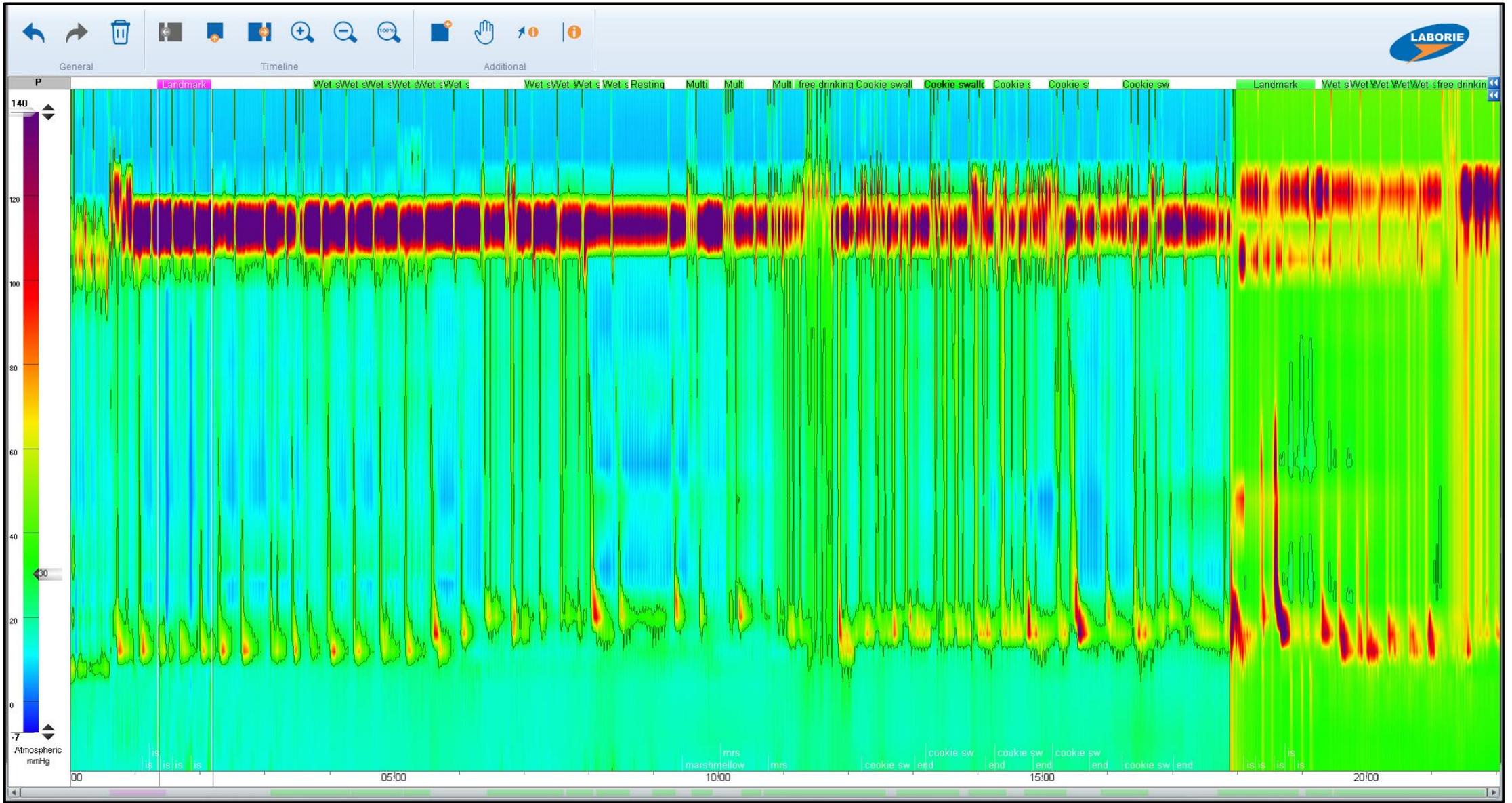
**What other provocative procedures could help with assessing peristaltic reserve ?**

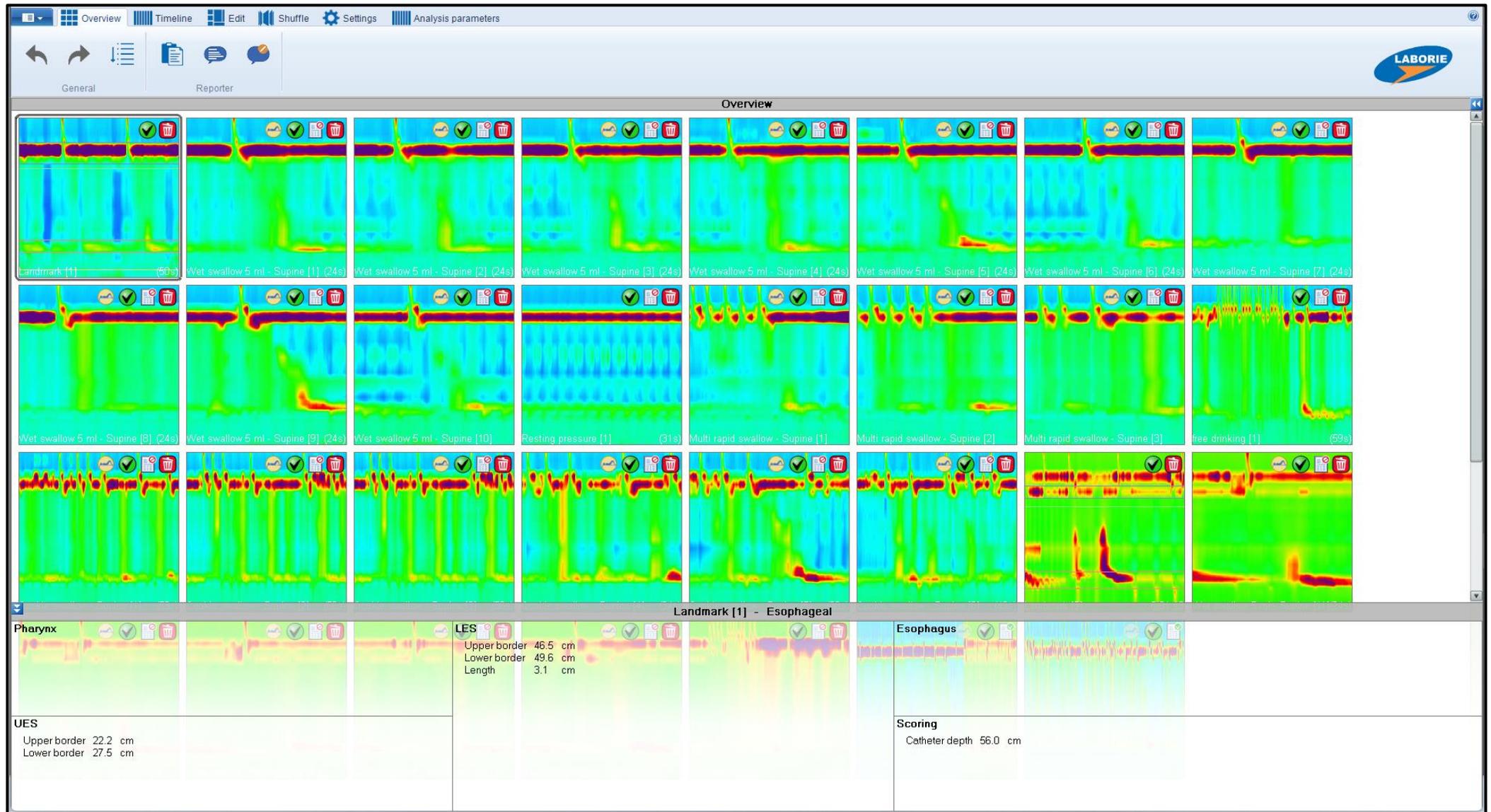
**Upright position perform RDC and solid swallows and look at the clearance contraction**

## CASE 5

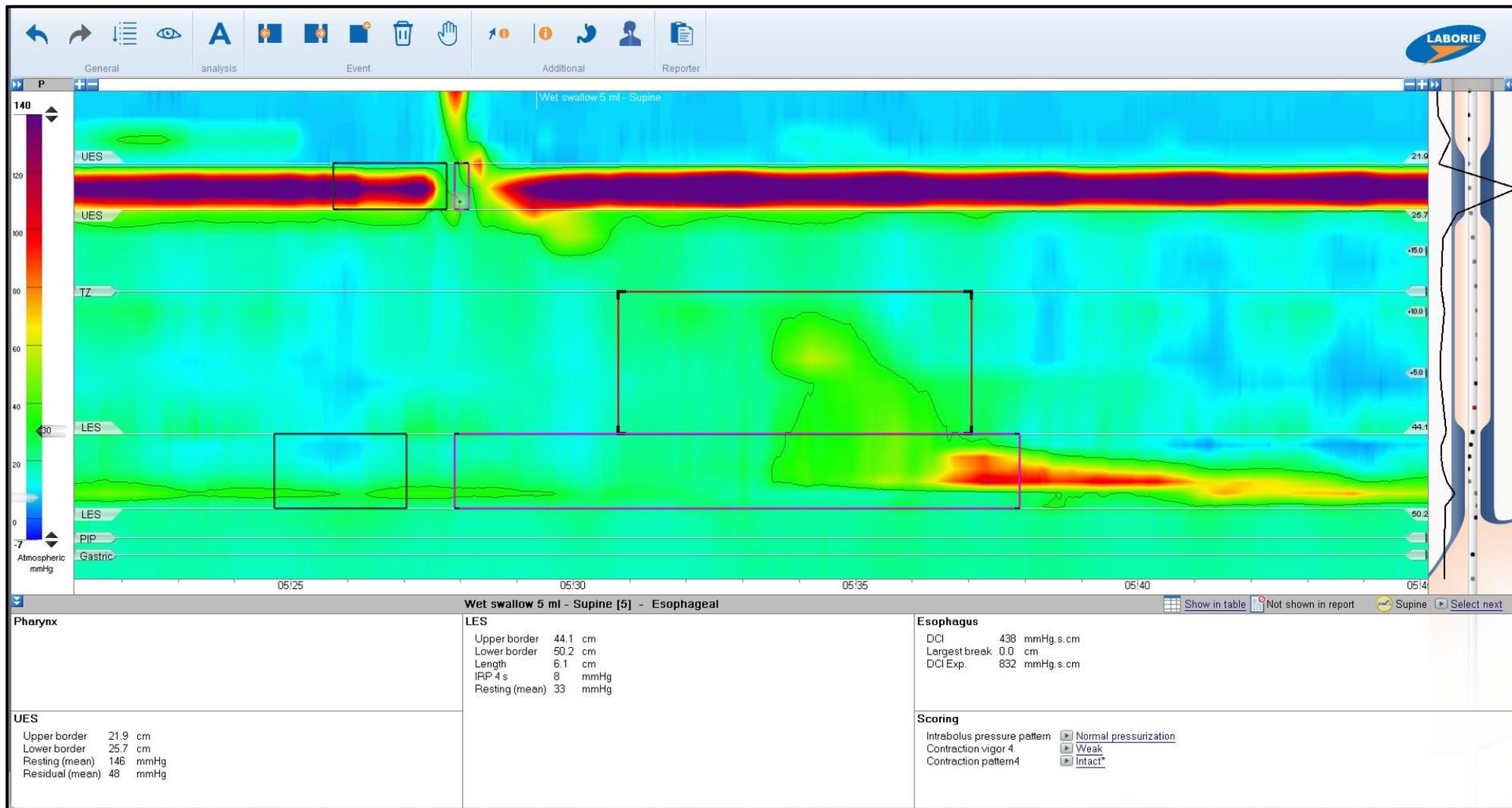
- 70-year-old gentleman presented with dysphagia for solids and fluids since 2017
- At the time he had a Ba-swallow that was said to be presby-oesophagus
- **Gastroscopy** demonstrated LA A oesophagitis and the OGJ-was tight and was reported as ? early achalasia and referred for HRM
- **HRM Metrics** : IRP 28mmHg  
LOSP : 47 mmHg  
Motility : 5 Premature contractions and 5 ineffective contractions  
  
With the 5 ineffective contractions we could not call it as spastic achalasia
- **Ba-swallow** demonstrated hold up with tertiary contractions and a distal narrowing of the oesophagus
- Adco-zilden 180mg (Viagra)per day seemed to help for a short period of time
- PPI gave no relief

# 1<sup>st</sup> Study

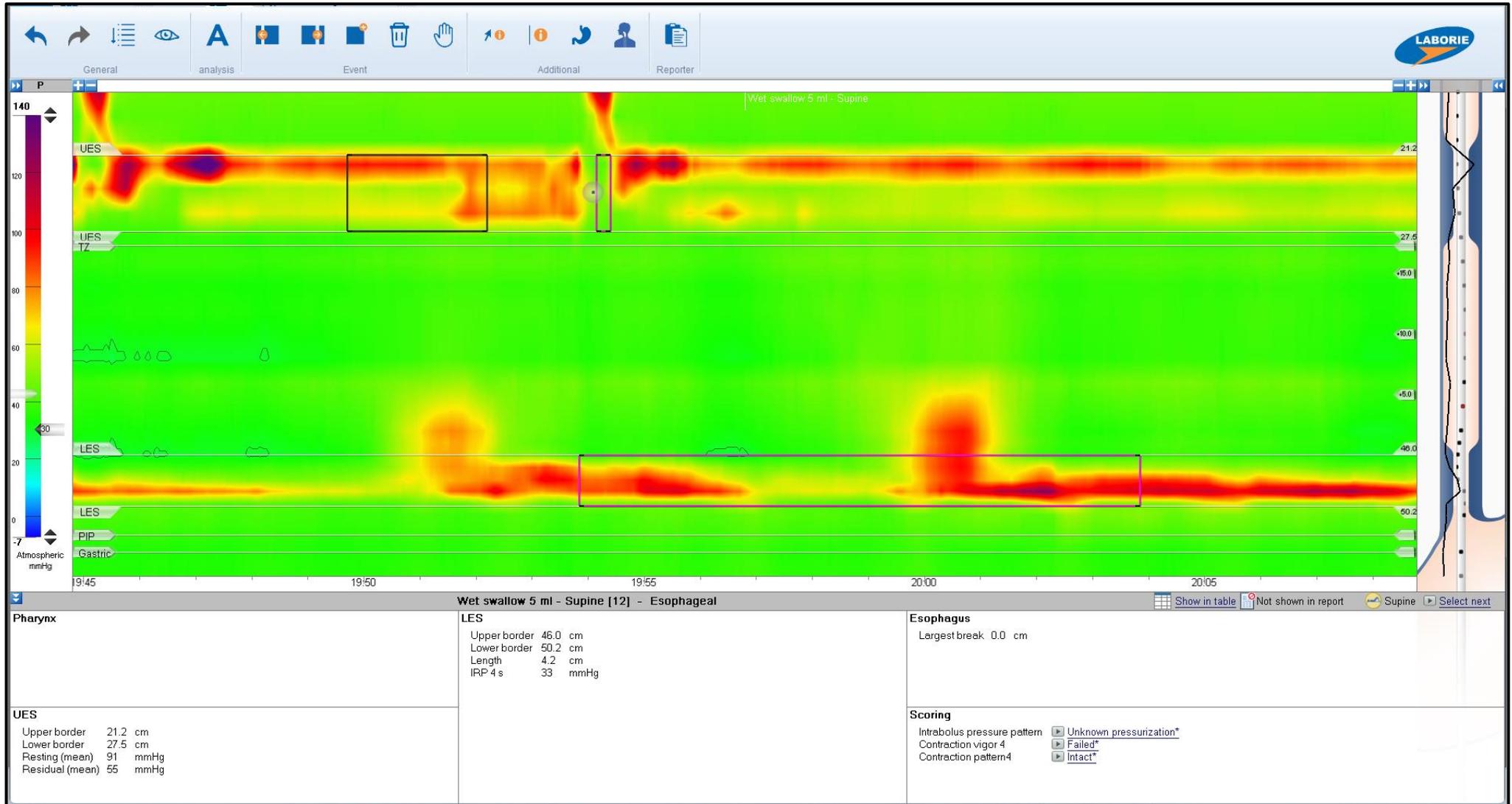




Weak contraction



UPRIGHT  
POSITION



**Inconclusive as there was a weak contraction and remnants of contractions**

**6 months later**

**Gastroscopy** findings of 2018 was tight OGJ

**Ba-swallow** (5-12-18) showed distal oesophageal narrowing with secondary and tertiary contractions with hold up of the Barium .Saw reflux up to his mouth

PPI therapy gave no relief of his symptoms.

He does use Tramacet but not for the past 3 days.

- His symptoms become progressively worse
- Struggles to get solids like meat and chicken down .Fluids also gives a problem
- Burps while eating and quite often has to vomit once the food gets stuck
- Experiences chest discomfort
- No weight loss
- Has no heartburn
- Regurgitation symptoms when the food bolus gets stuck.

What is the Eckardt score?

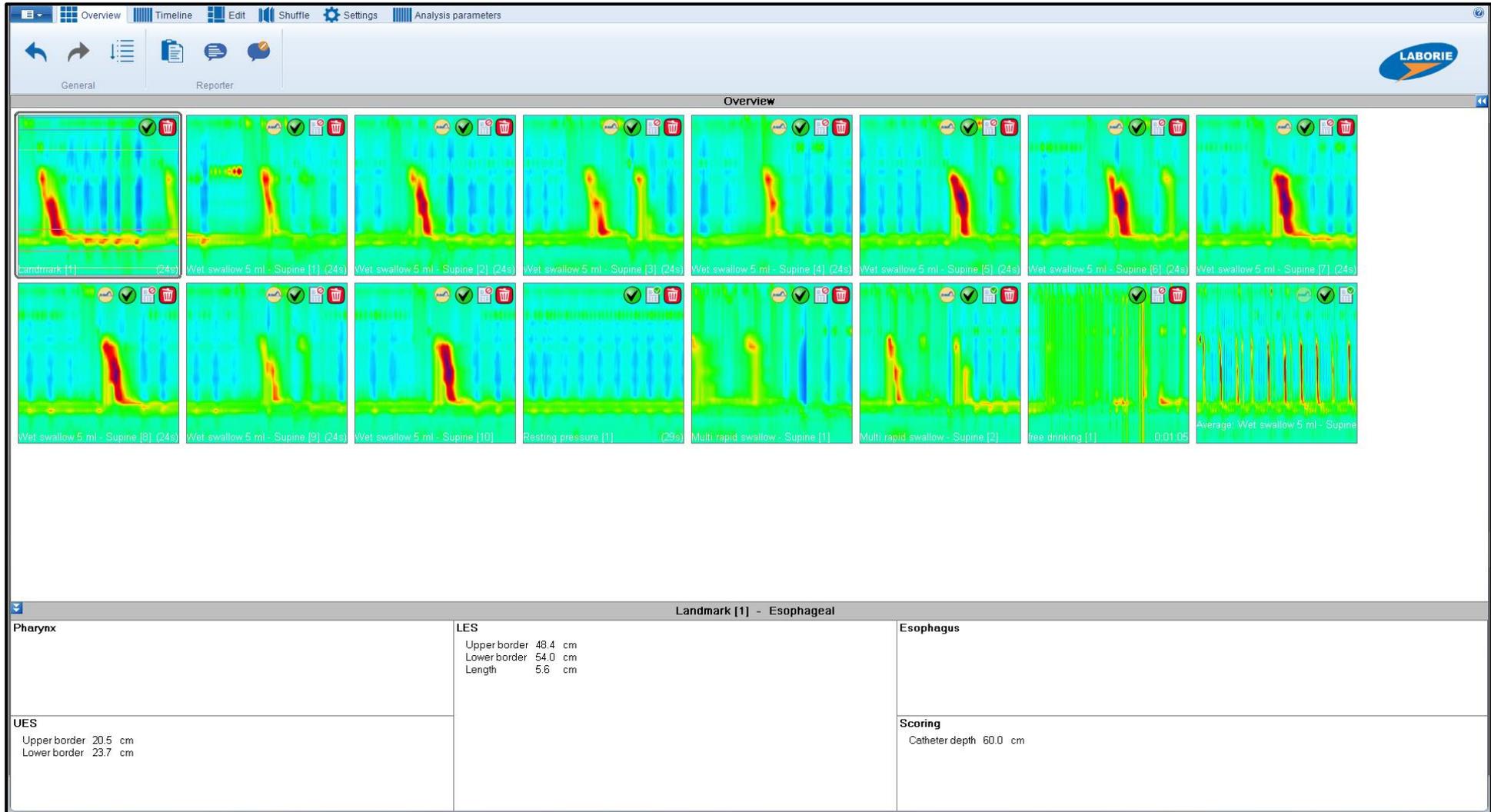
**The Eckardt Score is a grading system used for the evaluation of symptoms ,stages and efficacy of achalasia treatment .**

**A score > 3 implies the presence of achalasia**

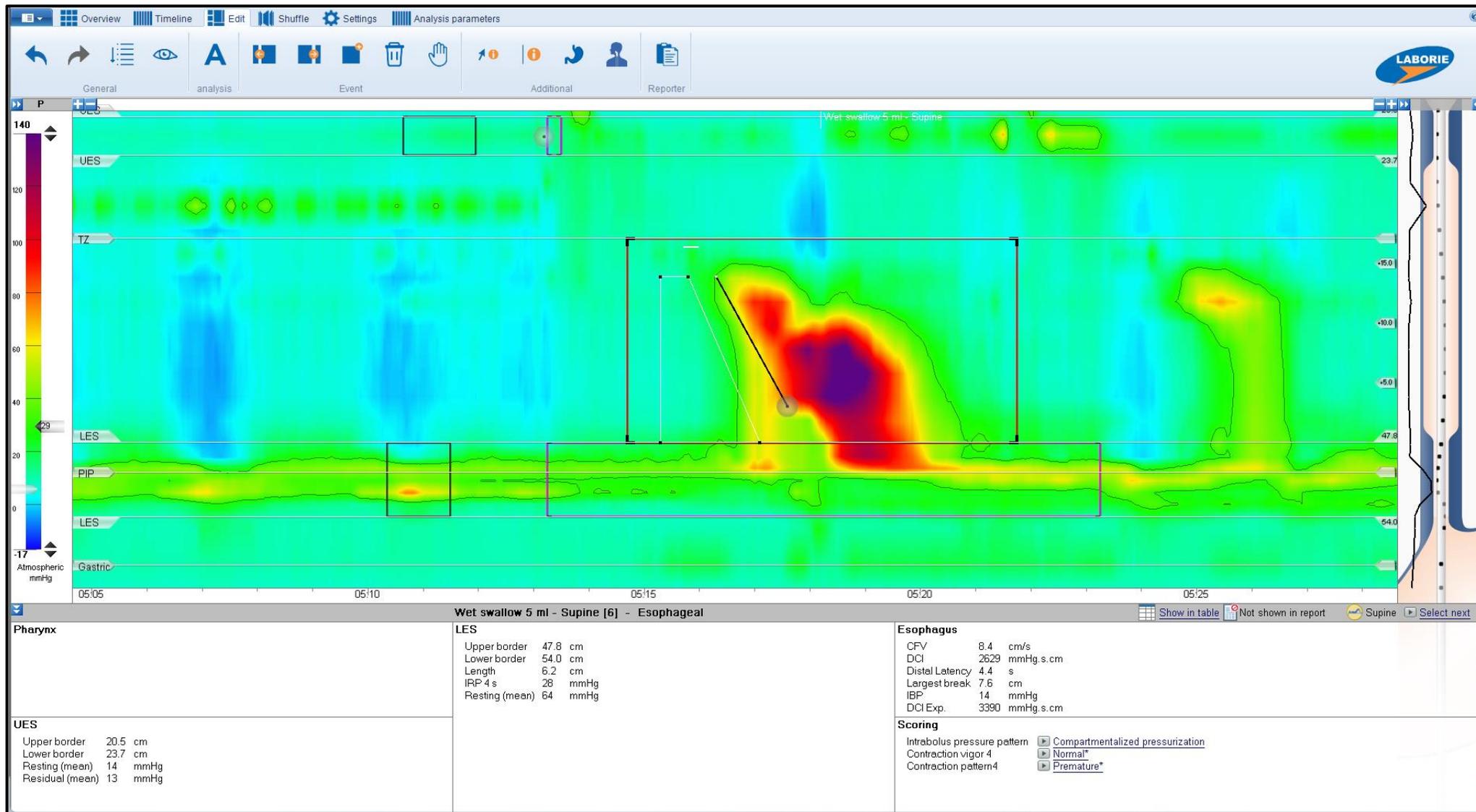
Score	Dysphagia	Regurgitation	Retrosternal pain	Weight loss (kg)
0	None	None	None	None
1	Occasional	Occasional	Occasional	<5
2	Daily	Daily	Daily	5-10
3	Each meal	Each meal	Each meal	>10

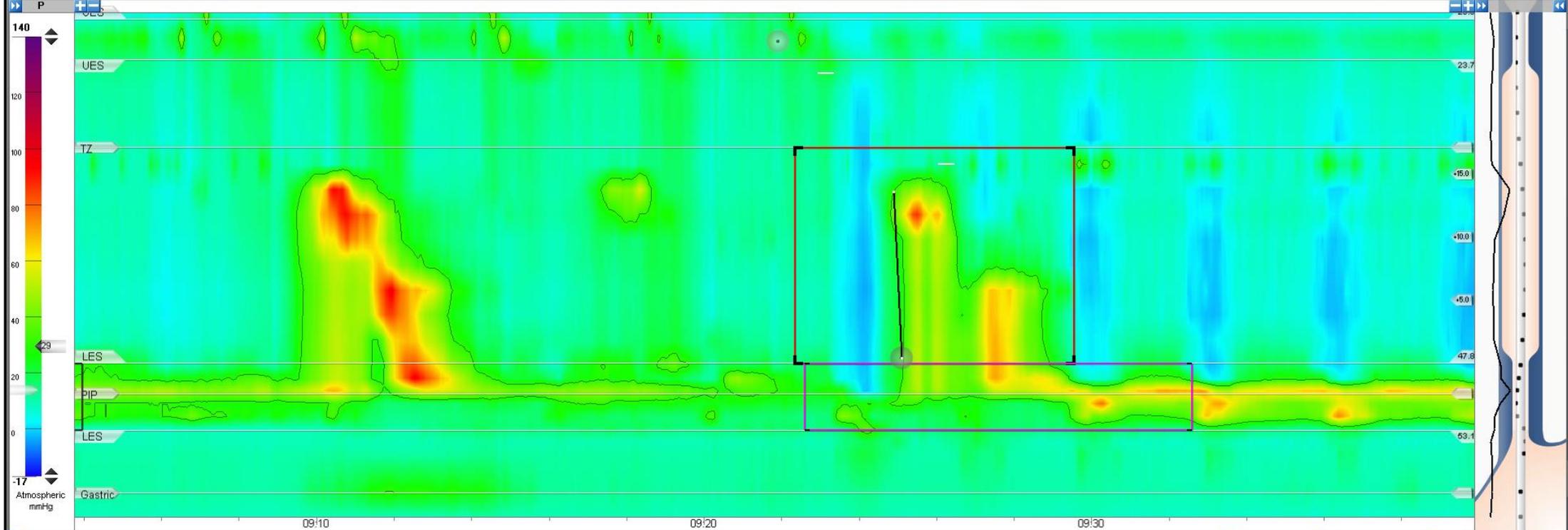
COUNT out of /12

His score was 9/12



What would you call this swallow?

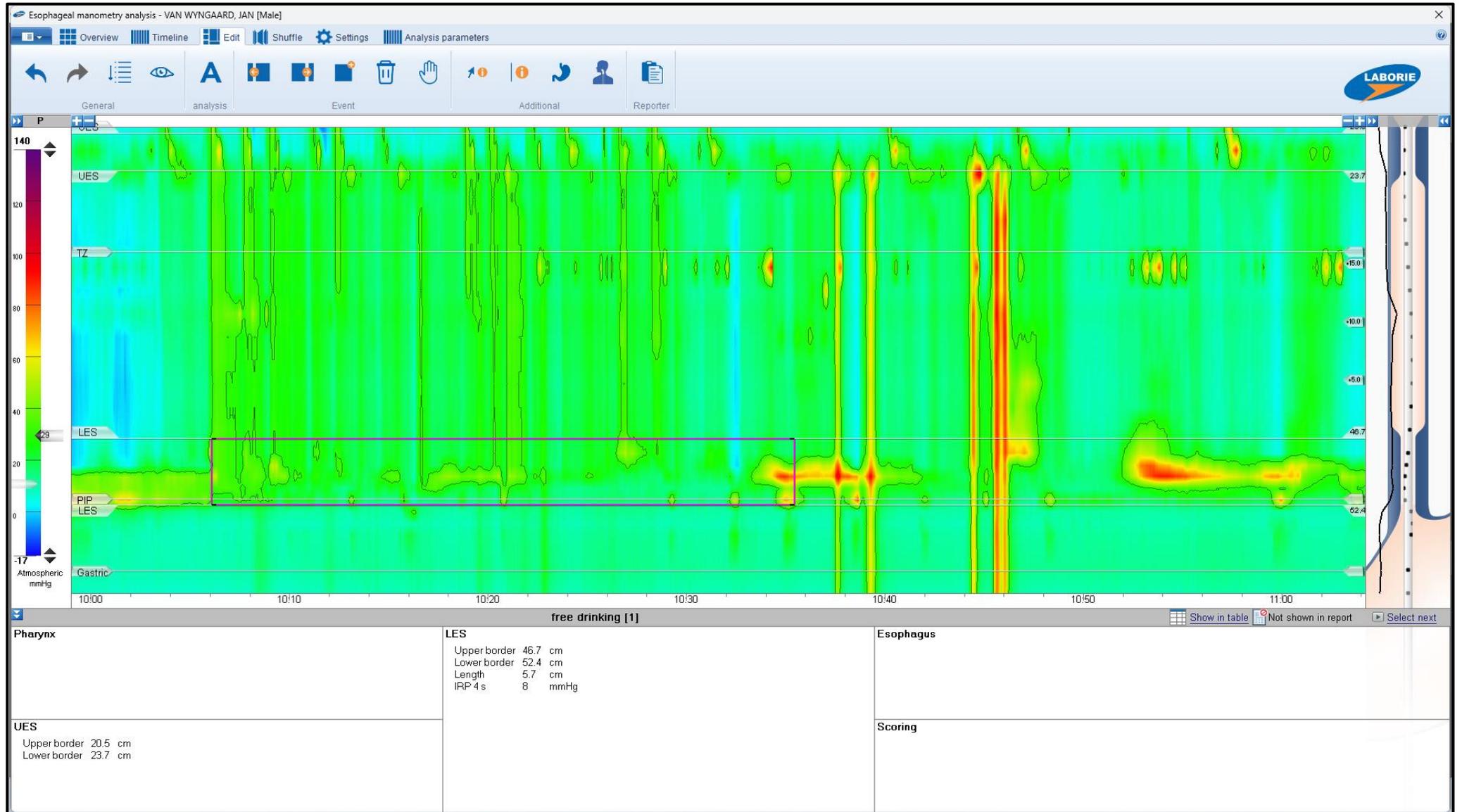




Multi rapid swallow - Supine [2] - Esophageal

<p><b>Pharynx</b></p>	<p><b>LES</b></p> <p>Upper border 47.8 cm          Lower border 53.1 cm          Length 5.3 cm          IRP 4 s 23 mmHg          Resting (mean) 37 mmHg</p>	<p><b>Esophagus</b></p> <p>CFV 66.0 cm/s          DCI 985 mmHg.s.cm          Distal Latency 3.2 s          Largest break 7.1 cm          DCI Exp. 1385 mmHg.s.cm</p>
<p><b>UES</b></p> <p>Upper border 20.5 cm          Lower border 23.7 cm</p>		<p><b>Scoring</b></p> <p>Intrabolus pressure pattern <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown pressurization          Contraction vigor 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal*          Contraction pattern4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Premature*</p>

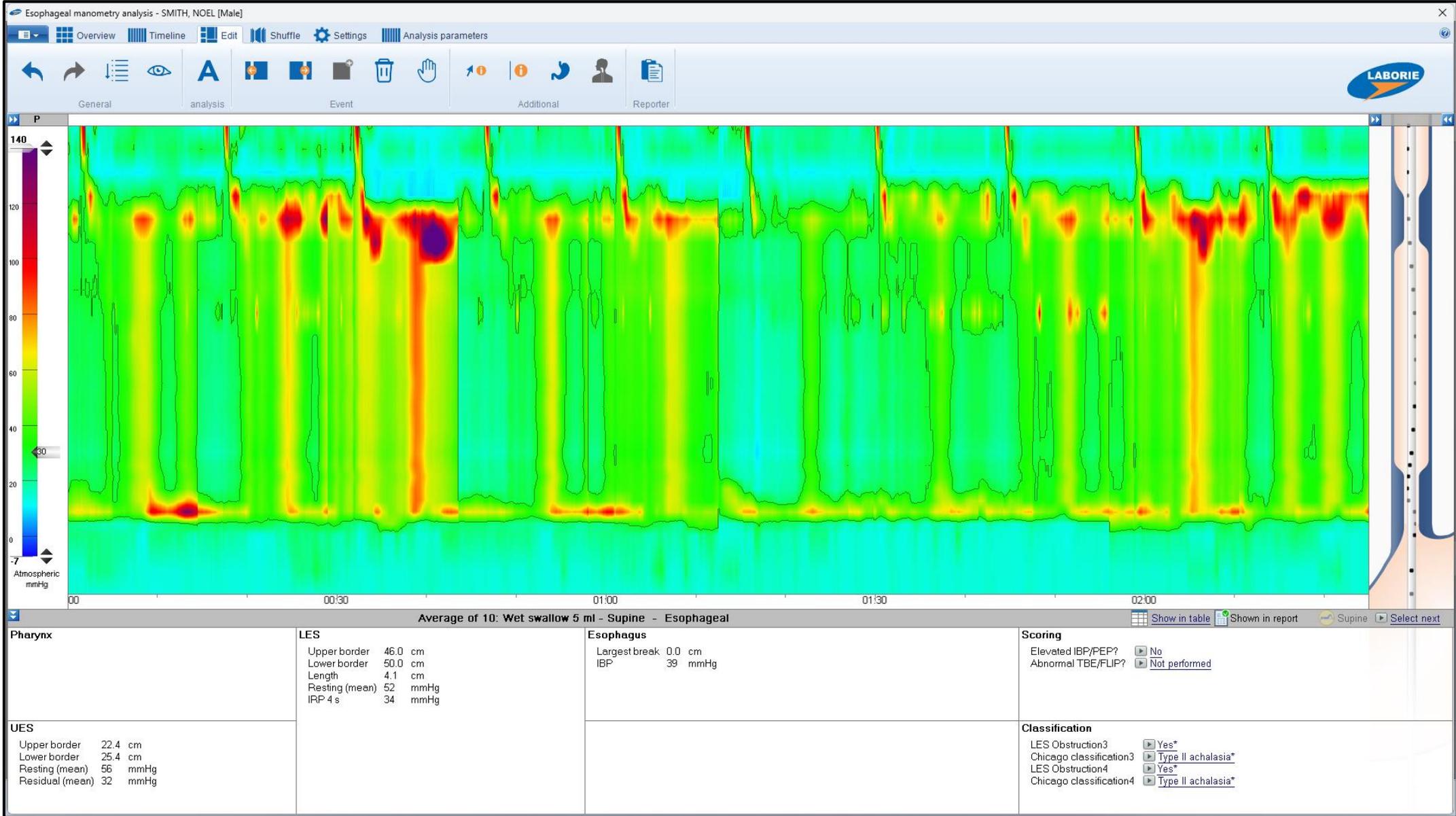
RDC



Prof Bredenoord felt there were no normal

contractions, increased IRP and premature  
contractions

He felt it was a Type III achalasia / Spastic achalasia



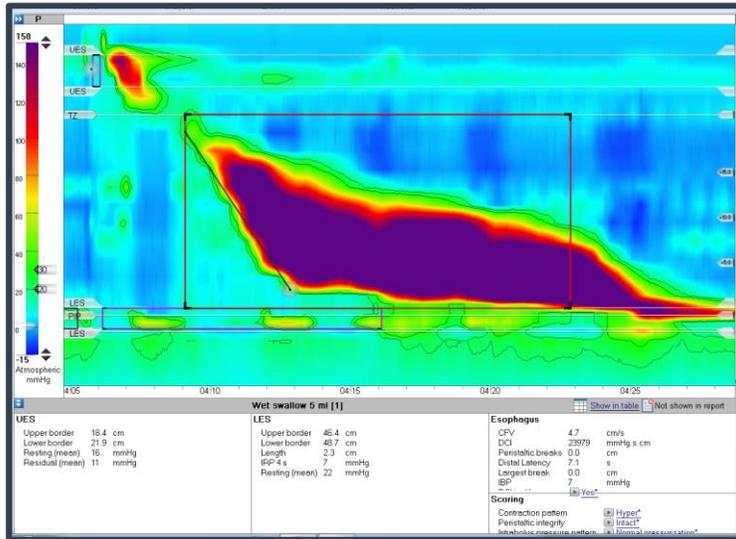
17 Months later

Type II Achalasia / Achalasia with compression

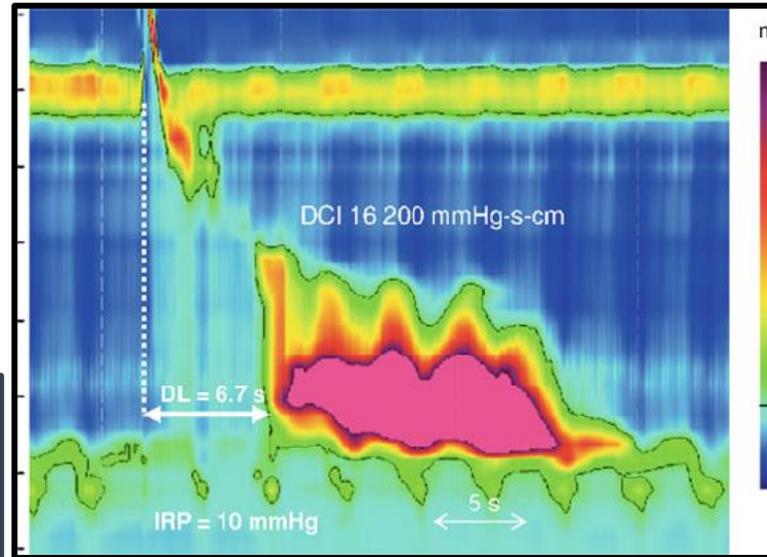
Good example of an **evolving achalasia**

# HYPERCONTRACTYLE

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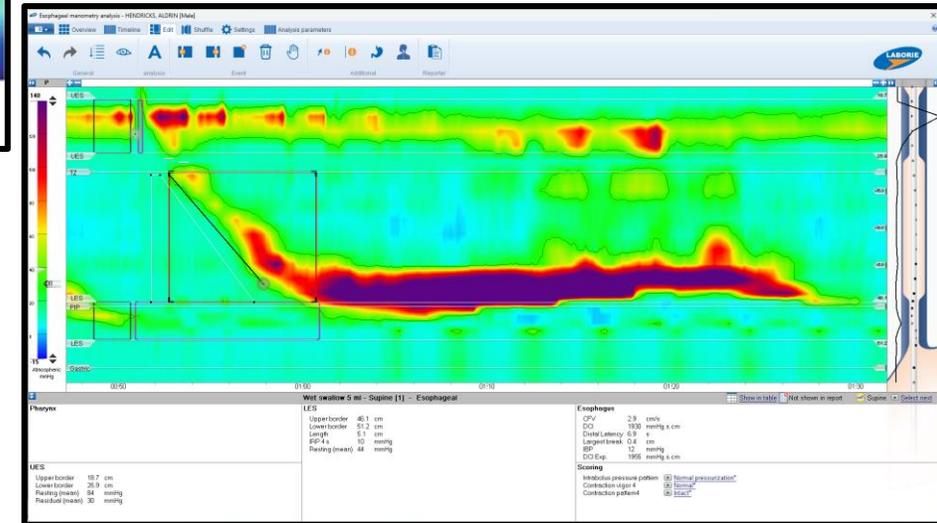


# JACKHAMMER



TRIPPLE PEAKED  
DCI > 8000

# HYPERTENSIVE LOSP



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**Thank you  
for listening**

