To the Editor

I read with great interest the recent article by Fujimoto et al on the maintenance therapy with Rabeprazole for reflux esophagitis (1). The article discusses a very well designed study and contains important data. However, there is a point which needs to be discussed. The issue of my concern is related to the nutritional effects of long-term gastric acid suppression. For example, the clinical effect of proton pump inhibitors on vitamin B-12 absorption is still controversial (2). Accordingly, any detailed data related to iron and calcium absorption, protein maldigestion or bacterial overgrowth could also strengthen the results of that successful study.

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