

Dr. Palazzi, et al reply

To the Editor:

We thank Wendling, *et al* for their interest¹ in our article². We agree that severe dysphagia is not exceptional in patients who have diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis (DISH)^{3,4}. Our aim was only to show the lateral radiograph of the cervical spine, demonstrating the “monstrous” bone proliferation together with the barium-swallow image illustrating the thread-like lumen of the esophagus that remained, in keeping with the aim of the Images in Rheumatology section of *The Journal*. We also thank our French colleagues for giving a very short and comprehensive overview of the mechanisms involved in dysphagia caused by DISH.

As for hypervitaminosis A, we will evaluate the serum levels of the vitamin in our patients even if they have not been taking vitamin A or retinoid therapy.

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