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**Over-the-scope-clip closure of long lasting gastrocutaneous fistula after PEG
tube removal in immunocompromised patients: a single center case series**

Dear editor

We have electronically submitted a case series entitled "Over-the-scope-clip closure of long lasting gastrocutaneous fistula after PEG tube removal in immunocompromised patients: a single center case series" by H. Heinrich, C. Gubler and P.V. Valli, for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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To our knowledge, the closure of long lasting PEG fistulas in patients with significant immunosuppression has not been extensively addressed and described in the literature.

We look forward to a rapid and hopefully positive processing of the manuscript. We thank the editors and the reviewers in advance for their time and expertise in processing and reviewing the manuscript.

Sincerely,

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All patients provided written consent for the interventions as well as for the publication of their anonymized medical history.

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