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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review summarizes current evidence on the role of endoscopy in the diagnosis and treatment of caustic injury of the esophagus. Optimal management remains rather inconclusive due to the lack of large epidemiologic studies and randomized clinical trials in the field. Thus, this manuscript discussing almost all aspects of endoscopic

management would be of interest to the scientific community and the readers of the journal. However there are some key points that the authors need to improve before the article be acceptable for publication. Major comments 1) The authors should also discuss the role of endoscopy in the long term follow up of patients with esophageal caustic injury, regardless the treatment modalities (conservative or surgical) that have been followed in the early or late phase. This aspect is of great importance, taking also into consideration the risk of presenting severe complications that significantly add to morbidity and even mortality, such as esophageal carcinoma that may develop many years after the injury (Ntanasis-Stathopoulos et al. Int J Surg Case Rep 2016 [PMID:27394396]). 2) The authors should include a conclusion paragraph summarizing the key elements of their review, presenting the challenges in the field and pinpointing future directions. Minor comments 1) The authors should include a statement at the end of the introduction or in a separate section declaring that this is a narrative review and providing details about the search strategy. 2) Figure 1 - Please provide a more detailed description in the legend. 3) It is advisable that the authors include references in the following sections: • Introduction • Page 7, line 4 "divided into in 3 phases" • Section of " Pre-endoscopic treatment" • Page 9, lines 4-6 "was the most common cause" In which patient series? • Page 10, treatment modality according to grade of injury • Page 12, "this information includes.." • Page 14, lines 5-6, after the quoted phrase 4) Light grammar and syntax editing, maybe from a native English speaker, is considered necessary. Some examples are provided below: • Page 3 (abstract) Line 3 - Please determine caustic injury (of the esophagus? Of the GI tract?) Line 6 - "importance" instead of "important" Line 8 - "whether..... or not" Line 17 - "improving in treatment" Line 18 - "exclusively focusing on endoscopic role" Please restate • Page 5 Line 15 - "sequela" please restate Line 19 - "impact....to on" • Page 6 Line 7- spelling error • Page 7 Line 1 - please restate Line 8 - "the esophageal.." please restate • Page 9 Line 21 -



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“higher complications” please restate • Page 10 Line 1 – reflex reflect • Page 11 Line 1 –
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