

RE: Manuscript number 39615

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Dear the Editor-in-Chief of the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*

Thank you very much for your kind invitation and the opportunity to revise our manuscript. We would like to submit a revised MINIREVIEWS: **“Role of endoscopy in caustic injury of the esophagus”** to the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

The manuscript has not been submitted simultaneously to another journal, has not been accepted for publication elsewhere, and has not already been published.

This article reviews all aspects of caustic injury of the esophagus with exclusively focusing on endoscopic role. Pre-endoscopic management, endoscopy and its technique in acute and late phase of caustic injury including the endoscopic management of refractory stricture, and the treatment outcomes following each endoscopic intervention are thoroughly discussed.

The manuscript was revised based on valuable comments of the reviewer 1 and reviewer 2. Any changes or amendment were highlighted in RED-colored text. Please find our detailed responses to comments raised by the reviewers as:

**Our responses to comments raised by the Reviewer 1 (code: 03817344)**

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.

**Response:** The role of endoscopy in the long term follow-up of patients with esophageal caustic injury was added before a conclusion part.

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.

**Response:** A conclusion paragraph summarizing the key elements of this review and pinpointing future directions was added at the end of manuscript.

3. 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.

**Response:** A paragraph declaring that this is a narrative review and providing details about the search strategy was added at the end of the introduction.

4. Figure 1 – Please provide a more detailed description in the legend.

**Response:** Detailed description was added in the legend of Figure 1.

5. It is advisable that the authors include references in the sections noted in the reviewer report.

**Response:** Relevant references were added according to your kind suggestions.

6. There are some spelling mistakes in the text. Please check and correct carefully.

**Response:** Thank you very much for your comment. We carefully checked spelling mistakes and corrected them throughout the manuscript.

**Our responses to comments raised by the Reviewer 2 (code: 02823327)**

1. Adequate literature review

**Response:** Thank you very much for your comment

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Your consideration is very much appreciated.

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