

## Reviewer #1

1, Abstract, introduction: "however, there are few publications on the predicting factors for outcomes exist in the literature" I don't understand this sentence, do you mean: there are few publications ABOUT the predicting factors...?

Response: We appreciate the reviewer's constructive and helpful comments and suggestions. We reviewed this manuscript again and sent it to American Journal Expert for language editing.

2, Methods: "The children with anastomotic esophagea" I should be children with anastomotic esophageal, without the. "Benign esophageal stricture is the problem that pediatric gastroenterologist often encounters" should be Benign esophageal stricture is a problem that pediatric gastroenterologist often encounters. "

Response: Thank you for your advice. We corrected it in the revised manuscript.

3, The Ethics Committees of Shenzhen Children's Hospital approved the analysis and they waived the need for informed consent (January 15, 2019), and the study was carried out in accordance with principles of the Declaration of Helsinki" very good but we need a reference number/code from the Ethics Committees regarding this study

Response: Thank you. We included the registration number in the revised manuscript.

4, You should provide more information about primary repair of esophageal atresia: e.i. mean age at surgery, postoperative complications, open or scopic repair etc and whether this influences the outcomes of EBD.

Response: Thank you. We included the information about primary repair of esophageal atresia in the revised manuscript. All subjects included in this study were patients who underwent thoracoscopic repair of esophageal atresia, so there was no comparison of influences on the outcomes of EBD.

5, Language Quality: Grade C (A great deal of language polishing)

Response: Thanks. We have sent this manuscript to American Journal Expert for language editing and they provided the language certificate.

#### Reviewer #2

This is a valuable study demonstrating the factors that influence the success of endoscopic balloon dilatation. Some spelling errors need to be corrected (e.g. Helsink, sever).

Response: Thank you for your positive comments. We reviewed the manuscript again and corrected the errors. We have also sent this manuscript to American Journal Expert for language editing.

#### Reviewer #3

1, However, poor English lowers its academic quality. Hence, its language needs polishing.

Response: We appreciate you for your valuable comments. This revised manuscript has been edited and proofread by American Journal Experts Limited.

2, Such as title could be revised as “The predictors for outcomes of endoscopic balloon dilatation in strictures after esophageal atresia repair - a retrospective study”.

Response: Thank you for the advice. We changed the title according with your suggestion.

3, Besides, there are many typographical errors and misspelling which need to be corrected for example “structure” instead of “stricture” in Abstract. The length of strictures should be stated in results of Abstract for conclusion. Some abbreviations are inappropriate. After an important language redaction the manuscript would be better clear.

Response: Thank you for the constructive comments. We included the length of strictures in results of Abstract in the revised manuscript. We have sent this

manuscript to American Journal Expert for language editing.

Reviewer #4

the paper is good and well written

Response: We appreciate the reviewer's positive comments.