

Reviewer # 1:

We have used the elastic traction ring for gastroscopic suturing of upper gastrointestinal ulcers. To our best knowledge, this is the first report of successful hemostasis using an elastic traction ring to rapidly shrink the ulcer surface during a very simple operation. The ulcer can then be occluded using a metal clip. This allows for complete occlusion during a single endoscopy. Moreover, the postclipping rebleeding rate is lower than rates of rebleeding following topical treatments, APC, and heated hemostatic forceps.

Reviewer # 2:

Our traction ring features a double ring and is ~1 cm relaxed and ~1.5 cm when in a tensile state. As described here, we easily use the elastic traction ring to suture a 2-cm diameter gastric ulcer. We are continuing to try and determine the maximum ulcer diameter where our ring could be successfully deployed.