

Dear Editor-in-chief of World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy,

The authors send a revised version of the manuscript entitled "Utility of the balloon-overtube-assisted modified over-the-wire stenting technique to treat post-sleeve gastrectomy complications" (ESPS manuscript NO: 33103) to be considered by your Journal.

In order to take into consideration the comments of the editor and reviewers, the authors submit a revised manuscript with all amendments highlighted. Moreover, a point-by-point response is provided to all the comments of the editor and the reviewers:

Reviewer 1

The most interesting topic of the paper is, in my opinion, the novelty of the technique described. This technique seems easy to perform, in expert hand, and can impact positively on the resolution of serious complications due to laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy. For all these reasons, we recommend the publication of the paper.

Answer to Reviewer 1

The authors are grateful for the comments of the reviewer.

Reviewer 2

Proceed your study with a larger sample in order to create a better study.

Answer to Reviewer 2

The authors will continue this study to include a larger sample in the future.

Reviewer 3

Dear Authors, I read with interest your technical report on balloon-overtube-assisted stenting for treatment of complications after sleeve gastrectomy. As I wrote to the Editor, I would suggest minor changes to the text for better specification of some clinical aspects. I would also like to know if this is an original technique, or if it was already reported in the literature. In any case, on my opinion your article deserves publication for its usefulness for specialists involved in the treatment of these difficult cases.

Answer to Reviewer 3

The authors are thankful for the comments of the reviewer. As far as the authors are concerned, this is the first case series reporting this technique using the overtube in the placement of stents to approach complications of sleeve gastrectomy.

This technique has been described in other locations or indications in the gastrointestinal tract, namely colorrectal cancers.

Despite not specified by the reviewer, some minor changes to the text were provided to add some more information regarding clinical aspects.

After consideration of the reviewer comments, the authors send a revised version of the manuscript to be considered by your Journal.

Kind regards,
Ana Ponte