

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

**Manuscript NO:** 33334

**Title:** Usefulness of the Hook knife in flexible endoscopic myotomy for Zenker's diverticulum

**Reviewer's code:** 02441729

**Reviewer's country:** Turkey

**Science editor:** Fang-Fang Ji

**Date sent for review:** 2017-02-28

**Date reviewed:** 2017-03-02

CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	Google Search:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		BPG Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
		<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Studies concerning the Zenker's diverticulum and Hook knife are very few in the literature. Although this is not the largest series, I think that it will be useful for the readers.

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

**Manuscript NO:** 33334

**Title:** Usefulness of the Hook knife in flexible endoscopic myotomy for Zenker's diverticulum

**Reviewer's code:** 00008633

**Reviewer's country:** Japan

**Science editor:** Fang-Fang Ji

**Date sent for review:** 2017-02-28

**Date reviewed:** 2017-03-11

CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		[Y] No	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
		BPG Search:	
		<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	
		[Y] No	

## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript was well written and has a fine messages that the Hook knife is a reliable tool for flexible endoscopic soft diverticuloscope-assisted myotomy in patients with symptomatic Zenker's diverticula. However, Brueckner J. et al. has already published another manuscript (sited #14), this paper did not have high priority. Major comments 1. Study size is too small as they treated only 24 patients. That in Brueckner J. et al. was 46 patients. The authors should discuss precisely about the difference to Brueckner's paper. 2. The authors must refer a paper written by Battaglia G, et al. "Flexible endoscopic treatment for Zenker's diverticulum with the SB Knife. Preliminary results from a single-center experience. Dig Endosc 2015;27:128". They must discuss the difference between Hook knife and SB knife.

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

**Manuscript NO:** 33334

**Title:** Usefulness of the Hook knife in flexible endoscopic myotomy for Zenker's diverticulum

**Reviewer's code:** 01467363

**Reviewer's country:** Slovenia

**Science editor:** Fang-Fang Ji

**Date sent for review:** 2017-03-25

**Date reviewed:** 2017-03-30

CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		[Y] No	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
		BPG Search:	
		<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	
		[Y] No	

## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Title and running title: accurately reflects the topic and contents of the paper. Key words: 2 key words, define the content of the paper. Core tip: 84 words, appropriate. Abstract: is appropriate, structured, 274 words, informative. Introduction: is informative, short, 237 words, the reader is acquainted with the known facts about treatment options in Zenker's diverticulum. Also disclosed is a specially designed tool, the Hook knife. Material and methods: 632 words, 1 table (Dakkak and Bennett score of dysphagia), 1 figure (A,B,C,D – endoscopic procedure), treatment and follow-up methodology is explained. Statistical methods used (Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed-rank test was used to compare pre- vs post-treatment dysphagia score) is appropriate; statistical software Stata 12 (Stata Corp). All procedures described in the study were approved by the Institutional Review Board, reference 2016/CE 91. Results: short, 482 words, results are adequately presented in the text and figure 2 (Clinical outcome of endoscopic myotomy). Discussion: 842 words, in the discussion

the authors present the strengths and weaknesses of the study (retrospective analysis, single-center design and lack of comparison with other devices). The conclusion of the authors seems to me courageous: "We believe the Hook knife is the most appropriate tool for this purpose". The discussion is quite scarce for comparing results from the published studies in the international literature and to compare different endoscopic tools used in treatment of Zenker's diverticula. Conclusion: short, 36 words, the authors conclude that Hook knife is a reliable tool for flexible endoscopic soft diverticuloscope-assisted myotomy in patients with symptomatic Zenker's diverticula. References: 16, relevant, influential journals in the field of endoscopy/gastroenterology/surgery (from the period 1992 - 2016, Endoscopy, Gastrointest Endoscopy, Surg Endoscopy, World J Gastrointest Endosc ...) Conflict of interest: the authors declare no conflict of interest. Contribution is interesting, but unfortunately, the article could be read only as an advertisement for the described tool (Hook knife) in endoscopy.

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

**Manuscript NO:** 33334

**Title:** Usefulness of the Hook knife in flexible endoscopic myotomy for Zenker's diverticulum

**Reviewer's code:** 00068559

**Reviewer's country:** China

**Science editor:** Fang-Fang Ji

**Date sent for review:** 2017-03-25

**Date reviewed:** 2017-04-09

CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	Google Search:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Y] Accept
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Y] Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Y] Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> [ ] High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	<input type="checkbox"/> [ ] Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Y] No	<input type="checkbox"/> [ ] Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		BPG Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> [ ] Major revision
		<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Y] No	

## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The author investigated the outcome of flexible endoscopic myotomy performed with the Hook knife in patients with Zenker's diverticulum (ZD), and proved that Hook knife is efficient and safe for treatment of ZD. The manuscript was well written and helpful.