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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors published their results and LAMS is not common procedure yet. My major concern is the number of patients is not nough to make a clear economical analysis and they did not compare their economical analysis with plastic stent replacements. If they



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will have higher number of patients study will be publish.

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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

There is no doubt that LMAS is a novel and very promising modality. In this case, authors illuminate an equally important factor, cost, which is nothing but negligible. The topic is nicely analyzed and presented with the fluency and precision of a natural



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speaker. Drawbacks have been already identified by the authors themselves. Small sample, retrospective, lack of clear indications are the main. What is not so clear to me though is the endpoint. Do authors suggest that LAMS should be inserted in patients with >3 dilatations? If this means that another surgery would be avoided, it makes sense. But if it is merely for symptomatic relief until surgery, then the overall cost is probably too high. In Table 1, authors describe that 8/15 patients did not get any post stent intervention. Overall, its an interesting article but the practical implications remain to be seen.

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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Auythors, I think your manuscript on the use of metal stents for terating benign foregut strictures is interesting and useful. The emphasis on economic aspects is important, but I think it should be consifdered on the light of clinical results: only oif



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they are similar or better has the economic impact any sense.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this manuscript the authors reported the results on the use of Lumen Apposing Metal Stents for treating benign foregut strictures. Their results are interesting and there are not many works on the subject in the literature.



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This article title with 'Economical Effect of Lumen Apposing Metal Stents for Treating Benign Foregut Strictures '' it should be published at WJGE. It has clear informations about Lumen Apposing Metal Stents (LAMS).



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Although this retrospective study has small sample size and off-label use of LAMS, it has proved substantial usefulness of LAMS for benign foregut stricture. It arise the awareness of another application of LAMS for GI endoscopists.



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			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The present manuscript is regarding to Lumen Apposing Metal Stents for Treating Benign Foregut Strictures, and focused on economic effect. This study is a retrospective single center setting. Fifteen v.s. 36 patients receving lumen apposing metal stents and



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dilatation were included. There are several points need to be clarified and concerned:
1."forgut stricture" included a wide range of diseases. The reason may be due to limited case numbers. However, the used of LAMS may be different in different sits. The evaluation of GE or pyloric may be different. Maybe evaluate in divided to GE and pyloric. 2. Case numbers is limited. The conclusions may be more conservative type of words. 3. The use of LAMS in benign disease is not widely and need more evidence. The long term effect as well as cost evaluation is also still unknown. 4.Some sentences need to be revised as a formal type of manuscript, such as "998 foregut endoscopic dilations were performed between January 2014 and May 2017. 15 patients underwent endoscopic LAMS placement for treatment of benign foregut stricture. 36 patients with recurrent benign foregut strictures underwent three or more endoscopic dilations without stent placement." 4.the use of t test in small number comparison is not adequate.

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			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This submission evaluated the clinical and economical efficacy of LAMS in the treatment of benign foregut strictures. They recommended LAMS for the treatment of benign foregut strictures if symptoms persist past three endoscopic dilations. Post-surgical



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strictures may benefit from LAMS if symptoms persist after two dilations in a post-surgical. Early intervention with LAMS appears to be a clinically and economically viable option for durable symptomatic relief in patients with these strictures. The conclusions provided in this study are compelling. However, patients of LAMS should be added and side-effect of LAMS treatment should be further surveyed.

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