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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The case study by H Zhang and BT Kotecha reports on the effect of intranasal stenting in upper airway patency. In general, the article carries an important clinical input, The



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article is suitable for publication in WJO after revision of the manuscript taking in account the following comments: 1. The article lacks focus. The authors need to clarify the indications of nasal stenting and to specify its application in which type of nasal obstruction and the level of nasal obstruction. 2. In the Method section please explain the exact method of insertion supplemented by schematic representation if possible. 3. Are the rhinomanometry measurements represent the mean of three or more readings performed over 2 hrs or so, to exclude the effect of nasal cycle alternation?. 4. In the discussion section the authors mentioned improvement of the right nasal passages with regular nightly use of the stents despite the deviation of the nasal septum. They need to explain why this effect happened since the MRI images do not show effect in the septal deviation.

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