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Dear Dr Hu, Dr Koulaouzidis, and Dr Lee

Re: "Endoscopic removal of foreign bodies: A retrospective study in JAPAN (with Video)".

We are most grateful to you and the reviewers for the helpful comments on the original version of our manuscript. As indicated in the responses that follow, we have taken all these comments and suggestions into account in the revised version of our paper.

EDITORS' COMMENTS TO THE AUTHOR:

Reviewer #1:

1) It is a retrospective analysis based on data collected from endoscopy records, so it is bound to miss patients subjected to surgery.

Reply

Indeed, as you say, this study has that limitation that is mentioned in Line number 170 of page number 12. (highlighted in green)

2) The study has various grammatical errors which need to be corrected before publishing.

Reply

As also mentioned, the reviewer 2, those grammatical errors were corrected, and they are highlighted in red.

3) The tables in the manuscript can be more comprehensive and reader friendly.

Reply

The tables have also been corrected as you indicated.

Reviewer #2:

This is a manuscript that will interest many of the journal's readers. The accompanying video

was well done. However, despite having the manuscript professionally edited, a number of language errors remain. Here is a non-exhaustive list: ORIGINAL The present research was performed with own resources. SUGGESTED REVISION The present research was performed using internal resources. ORIGINAL The ingestion of foreign bodies (FBs) and food bolus impaction in the digestive tract are commonly encountered clinical problems; this method has continued to evolve owing to its advantages, such as surgery avoidance, reduced cost, accessible technical facilities, visualization improvement, reduced morbidity, and high removal success rate, however, till date, no studies have assessed the endoscopic management of FBs in Japan. SUGGESTED REVISION The ingestion of foreign bodies (FBs) and food bolus impaction in the digestive tract are commonly encountered clinical problems. Methods to handle such problems continue to evolve. offering advantages such as the avoidance of surgery, reduced cost, improved visualization, reduced morbidity, and high removal success rate. However, to date, no studies have evaluated the endoscopic management of FBs in Japan. ORIGINAL press-through-pack (PTP) SUGGESTED REVISION press-through-pack (PTP) medications ORIGINAL complication was observed in only one case (0.5%). SUGGESTED REVISION complications were observed in only one case (0.5%). ORIGINAL The ingestion of foreign bodies (FBs) and food bolus impaction (FBI) are the common problems in clinical practice globally. SUGGESTED REVISION The ingestion of foreign bodies (FBs) and food bolus impaction (FBI) are common problems in clinical practice globally. ORIGINAL Edentulous adults are also at a risk of the ingestion of FBs, SUGGESTED REVISION Edentulous adults are also at risk for the ingestion of FBs, ORIGINAL Food bolus was the second most common type of FB (21.9% of cases) SUGGESTED REVISION Food bolus impaction was the second most common type of FB (21.9% of cases)

Reply

Language errors were corrected and are highlighted in red as reviewer #2 suggested.

Reviewer #3:

Thank you for this interesting paper.

Reply

Thanks for your comments.

We hope that the revised version of our paper is now suitable for the publication in the Gastroenterological endoscopy and we look forward to hearing from you at your earliest

convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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