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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a case report to present the salvage operation of colonic pull-up due to therapy-refractory pseudoachalasia after Ivor Lewis esophagectomy. This manuscript seems highly suggestive in the diagnosis and treatment for pseudoachalasia after Ivor Lewis esophagectomy. My comments and arguable points are followings. 1. In the title, I would favor a different title. Because salvage operation include the resection of the gastric conduit, esophageal bypass using colonic interposition procedure might be better. 2. Was radiologic swallow examination of the esophagus performed before the operation? 3. Gastric pyloroplasty or gastrojejunostomy were recommend, if DGE caused pseudoachalasia. Thus, logical reasons of the operation should be demonstrated. 4. The author should demonstrate in detail in the figure. This surgical technique might be common for the esophageal surgeons but the general surgeons might be unacquainted with this surgery. Illustrations are required for well-understanding of the bypass using colonic pull-up 5. In discussion, several sentences should be shortened. Its length is excessive given its scope. The alternative treatments should be summarized, because colonic pull-up was intensive operation.