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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors highlighted the scope of detection of asymptomatic pharyngeal cancers using gastrointestinal endoscopy. Preservation of pharyngeal function with minimal morbidity using ELPS/ESD is well narrated. Koritala T, Zolotarevsky E, Bartley AN, Ellis CD, Krolikowski JA, Burton J, Gunaratnam NT. Efficacy and safety of the band and slough technique for endoscopic therapy of nonampullary duodenal adenomas: a case series. *Gastrointest Endosc.* 2015 Apr;81(4):985-8. doi: 10.1016/j.gie.2014.09.043. Epub 2014 Nov 22. PMID: 25440288. In this article we have noted no adverse effects with band and slough technique, unlike conventional treatment modalities, thereby preserving the function and promoting quick recovery. Please feel free to use this article to emphasize the endoscopic therapy. In the results section, total number of patients enrolled should be 524 instead of 522. Please verify. In the discussion section, based on table 1, percentage of concurrent ESCC or with a history of ESCC is 27.8% unlike 29.3% listed. Please check again. In the discussion section, based on table 2, in group GE, only 38.4% (not 36.2%) of cases were symptomatic. Please change accordingly. Conducting the study in a set up where there is an equal availability of endoscopists, nonendoscopists will help the readers compare and contrast the preference of patients in choosing the provider for diagnosis and management, provider preference for sending the referrals, and patient preference in opting endoscopic or non endoscopic modalities. If a pattern has been identified among patients and providers that is not favoring endoscopic evaluation; studies with larger sample size validating the improved prognosis with minimally invasive techniques should be done.

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The study is aimed to clarify the clinical characteristics of pharyngeal squamous cell carcinomas detected by gastrointestinal endoscopy. The title is "Clinical impact of gastrointestinal endoscopy on the early detection of pharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma: A retrospective cohort study". 1. This is a retrospective cohort study. 2. Who were the endoscopists? Experienced or Trainee 3. Please review the literature add more details in the discussion section. 4. What is the new knowledge from this study? 5. Finally, please recommend to the readers "How to apply this knowledge for routine clinical practice?".

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Overall, the revised version is O.K.