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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In manuscript titled " Endoscopic Balloon Dilation for management of stricturing Crohn's disease in children." authors retrospectively evaluated efficacy and safety of endoscopic balloon dilation (EBD) in a hospital based series of pediatric patients with Crohn's disease (CD). The manuscript is concise, well written and focused on a rather unexplored topic in IBD treatment. The main limitations are small sample and single hospital based series, however presented results are indeed promising with an excellent efficacy and safety of EBD in pediatric group of CD patients. Therefore, bearing in mind that incidence of strictures in pediatric CD patients is low, this manuscript deserves attention of a wider audience and it is my recommendation to accept it for publication. I would just suggest couple of endoscopic images during the procedure to better describe the technique if authors can provide them.