

LETTER to Editor!

Dear Sir, Editor in Chief prof. dr. Prof. Jin-Lei Wang,

Company Editor-in-Chief,

Editorial Office

Baishideng Publishing Group Inc

Thank you for your careful review and the reviewers' comments. In accordance with the recommendations, we have included additions and clarifications in the text, the authors believe that the article is now more precise and clear.

In answer to Comments of the Reviewer 1, that we have kept his comments and we have:

1. After radiological imaging and procedures esophageal cancer stage T4N2M1 was confirmed.
- 2.a) It has been several months since stent placement into esophagus so we think it is unlikely that the fistula was a iatrogenic complication.
- b) We made a little change in the text to make meaning clearer. We present a patient with fatal UGIB caused by an aorto-oesophageal fistula, which formed after the stent was inserted into the middle third of the oesophagus due to advanced cancer.
- c) We believe that cause of the formation of the aortoesophageal fistula was multifactorial.
3. We added the cumulative dose of the radiation therapy which was 12 X 3 Gy, TD 36 Gy.
4. Thoracic surgeons at a multidisciplinary council together with oncologists and radiologists decided for a non-surgical approach based on the patients age and associated diseases.
5. Radiological intervention was technically successful with radiological evidence of fistula closure and bleeding cessation confirmed by an angiogram at the end of the endovascular intervention
6. We have adjusted our discussion slightly based on reviewers request.
7. We have included the suggested articles in our discussion.

Proofreading had been used for improving our Grammar and Vocabulary.

In answer to Comments of the Reviewer 2, that we have kept his comments and we had made:

1. ANSWER: We believe this is because the aorto-esophageal fistula was not seen on the previous radiological imaging before the stent was inserted in the esophagus.
2. ANSWER: We shortened discussion and adjusted the content to the reviewer's request.
3. ANSWER: At the end of interventional radiological procedure a controlled angiogram was performed which didn't confirm leakage from the aorta.

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