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This is a retrospective study evaluating whether endoscopic papillary large balloon dilation (EPLBD) can be safely and effectively performed in elderly patients. This study may be of interest to the readers of this journal. However, there are some questions to be resolved. 1. Why do you exclude patients with the papilla within the diverticulum? In those patients, EPLBD may be the risk for perforation. Do you have some evidence? 2. In page 9, please put the manufacturer behind the catheters' names. 3. This is a retrospective study. Prospective study may prove it. Please try it.