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## ESPS Peer-review Report

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**Ms:** 3724

**Title:** Radical Excision of Barrett' s Esophagus by Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection: compared with Radio-Frequency Ablation or Cryotherapy

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSION
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D (Fair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: rejected	BPG Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
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## COMMENTS

### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS:

This is a very interesting manuscript that describes two case reports of endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) application for the treatment of high grade dysplasia (HGD) Barrett's esophagus (BE) and Barrett's adenocarcinoma (BAC), with very promising results, and favorable outcomes. ESD is a recently considered approach as an option for the treatment of HGD BE and BAC. From this point of view, this manuscript offers additional information. The presentation and readability of the manuscript is good; however, needs revision (see specific comments section).  
**SPECIFIC COMMENTS**  
**Title:** The title should be reconsidered, since this is a presentation of two cases with no comparisons.  
**Abstract:** In the abstract, it is stated that the treatment approach has been made "in order to reduce healthcare expenditure"; however, there is no data according to the manuscript to support this.  
**Introduction:** Authors might consider to add references regarding BE definition. Also, regarding consensus and guidelines, authors might consider to add more recent bibliography about treatment options of HGD BE and BAC.  
**Discussion:** Authors might consider to add references and discuss extensively about the outcomes of all other available treatments of BAC and HGD BE. Also, references regarding already published data about ESD should be added, and authors should comment on this before any final conclusions made.  
**References:** See comments regarding introduction and discussion sections.  
**LANGUAGE EVALUATION** Grade B: minor language polishing; Please, reconsider the use of the word "curable"; "curative" might be more meaningful. Also, the certificate of english editing documents a paper with different title than the title of this



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The case report describes use of ESD in treating Barrett's esophagus in 2 patients. Combined with application of steroid gel to prevent stricture formation the authors suggest this technique as an alternative to RFA or cryotherapy. Major comments: The authors need to justify ESD in short segment Barrett's. The report describes the procedure and its outcome in 2 patients only. It is premature to compare ESD with cryo or RFA. At best the authors can suggest that further studies are needed to compare the 3 techniques. For the same reason the title needs to be changed. The discussion section should describe the rationale of the procedure with focus on anatomy and the likely advantages. Currently the authors have described the genetics of development of cancer only. There should be greater details of the 2 cases.



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Radical Excision of Barrett's Esophagus by Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection: compared with Radio-Frequency Ablation or Cryotherapy Hirohito Mori, et al What the authors would like to show is not focused in this report. What is new? #1 Is the procedure of alcohol gel new? #2 Is ESD an appropriate treatment in case1 because of no high grade dysplasia in the tissue specimen? #3 In discussion section, how p16 and p53 story are related to this report? If they would like to discuss this point they need immunohistochemistry.