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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Science editor: Yuan Qi

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, In this review article entitled "Double-balloon enteroscopy-assisted dilatation avoids surgery for small bowel strictures: a systematic review". The authors overviewed Double-balloon enteroscopy (DBE) -assisted dilatation for small bowel strictures. They showed descriptive data about DBE assisted balloon dilatation. This is an interesting article. Their work must add suggestive knowledge to the readers. Only one comment is described as follows. Major comments. In the "Results", Inclusion criteria and Indications of Endoscopic balloon dilatation on each study should be summarized.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This paper report a systematic review on double-balloon enteroscopy-assisted dilatation avoids surgery for small bowel strictures, it would provide new method for the treatment of small bowel stricture.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Baars et al present a review on the efficacy and safety of DBE for the treatment of small bowel strictures. The review is extensive and well written and summarizes the studies using EBD to treat small bowel strictures. The review also provides an algorithm for the treatment of small bowel strictures. The review is easy to read although a revision in the writing style and grammar is required. Major comments. 1 - Probably it would be better to extend the review to all forms of deep enteroscopy. Are there any series of EBD using SBE? If there are no series focusing on EBD using SBE or spiral enteroscopy this should be stated. On the other hand some enteroscopy series also report cases of EBD, although not focusing in the efficacy and follow-up of these patients. A recent series (Pinho et al. UEGW 2016 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27087956>) reports on 17 EBD in 1411 enteroscopy procedures (6 with DBE, 10 with SBE and 1 using the



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spiral enteroscope). The authors report 1 complication (1/17) in the DBE group (1/6). Hence, please add to the discussion that there are other large series including more EBD cases, although some data regarding the efficacy or follow-up may be missing and that there are cases performed with other forms of deep enteroscopy. Please refer to the above series (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27087956>) and others that the authors find relevant. 2- Page 6: Clinical efficacy: It is not clear where the number 241 comes from. It appears from fig 1 that it refers to patients with long-term follow-up. In fig 1 this number is wrong (231). Furthermore in fig 1 the % of patients requiring surgery (from relapse or complications) is not clear. Please revise these aspects. 3- Please revise the writing style and grammar. Minor comments: Abstract: Aim: change to "...standard approach to small bowel strictures" Page 6 - Sedation: "anesthetist" is misspelled. Last sentence: "succesfully" is misspelled. Discussion: The first sentence of the second paragraph is not clear. Please revise. Also in the second paragraph, in the sentence "...which can result in small bowel syndrome and malnutrition" the authors probably refer to "short bowel syndrome". Please revise. In the last sentence of page 8, considered is misspelled. Page 9, 3rd line from the bottom: Strictures is misspelled.