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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Editor, Authors. Thank you for sending the study "Biodegradable stent compared to standard balloon dilatation for benign oesophageal stricture: a pilot randomized controlled trial." for revision. Please accept the following comments - good research idea as it is an important clinical entity. - frequent spelling and grammatical mistakes should be revised. - The study has a good design. - Need more number of patients for results confirmation. Thanks



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Review for the manuscript No:11197 Biodegradable stent compared to standard balloon dilatation for benign esophageal stricture: a pilot randomised controlled trial. General comments: This is a nice pilot study that compares biodegradable stents and balloon dilatation. It is a well-designed study that unfortunately was not completed due to lack of included patients. Beside that I have minor remarks: - in the introduction section in the third paragraph eosinophilic esophagitis as a cause of benign esophageal strictures was not mentioned - in the part of complications the authors almost didn't mention thoracic pain as the most frequent complication after stent placement or col- lapse of the biodegradable stent inside the esophageal lumen ? - I strongly believe that Table 2: Baseline Comorbidities should be removed due to lack of included patients Therefore I classified the manuscript Biodegradable stent compared to standard balloon dilatation for benign oesophageal stricture: a pilot randomised controlled trial into grade B. According to the language evaluation the revised article is evaluated as grade B. I conclude that the authors should make above mentioned changes in the article. After they correct the proposed changes, I think you should accept the manuscript for the publication.