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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors report on endoscopic resection of upper GI submucosal lesions which is an emerging field in the eastern [Wang H, Tan Y, Zhou Y et al. Submucosal tunnelling endoscopic resection for upper gastrointestinal submucosal tumours originating from the muscularis propria layer. Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol 2015; 27: 776-780] and western world [Reinehr R. Endoscopic submucosal excavation (ESE) is a safe and useful technique for endoscopic removal of submucosal tumours of the stomach and the oesophagus in selected cases. Z Gastroenterol 2015; 53: 573-578]. Nevertheless, it is not unexpected that use of the Hybrid knife (HK), which does not need multiple and time-consuming changes of injection needle and the knife itself, leads to a shorter operation time compared to the Hook knife (HO). Thus the main conclusion of the study is the feasibility of the instruments used and the method itself in order to remove upper GI submucosal lesions. Since all the ESTD procedures were performed by a single operator (W. G.) the authors are encouraged to explain more detailed the use of the different instruments during "learning curve" (i.e. initial 15 cases) and whether the use of the two instruments has been randomised.