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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you very much for the opportunity to review this interesting case report. This case report is about a patient with severe ES and ETF that was successfully treat with esophageal stent and anti-TB agent. Following is my comment; The timing of corrosive ingestion, emergency treatment at that time, symptom of dysphagia, lung infection, investigation such as UGI study and the time of esophageal stent insertion/dilatation were not clearly demonstrated. I suggested the authors to write the timeline to present this case. Nutritional status and body weight in each visit and total follow-up time until now are also needed in the timeline. It is less likely that the large fistula would be closed by esophageal stent. Does patient have repeated UGI study after stent removal? It will be good to provide the picture as this is the strong evidence the fistula has been closed already. This case also has pulmonary TB so that the discussion about TB with ETF should be mentioned in the discussion part as it might be involved and it will be good to look for in the difficult case like this. The picture of CT scan with esophageal stenosis is not necessary as you also had endoscopic/UGI picture that was well demonstrated the stricture.



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Dear Editor, Dear Author, I read with great interest the manuscript entitled “Endoscopic treatment of extreme esophageal stenosis complicated with esophagotracheal fistula: An innovative case” by Jia-Heng Fang et al. This was a case report describing a case of severe esophageal stenosis complicated with trachea-esophageal fistula, successfully treated by means of a minimally-invasive endoscopic approach, including EIM, metallic stenting, and balloon dilation. I consider the manuscript well written and relevant for the research context.