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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors describe an interesting approach for esophageal replacement or by/pass when the retromediastinal route is unsuitable. While they should be congratulated for the procedure, in the discussion it could be debated the choice of the stomach instead of the colon, considering that not infrequently length required for the by pass to the neck through a retrosternal route may be difficult to achieve with the stomach. On the other hand, using the colon, most failures after coloplasty are due to coloplasty dysfunction. Therefore, a more detailed specification of advantages and disadvantages of colon and stomach as conduits for this route would enrich the paper. Analogously, at least a mention of the subcutaneous presternal route (obviously more suitable for the colon) could be made. Moreover, the use of butulin toxin to induce a pyloric paralysis may have a transient effect and comparison and short discussion between this simple, especially for laparoscopy, method, and the traditional pyloroplasty would be beneficial.

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Its a well described case of a laparoscopic retrosternal gastric bypass. It does not seem to add much to the literature, as a series of patients who underwent the same procedure has already been published since 2013.