

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a nice review encompassing 1) diagnosis and staging of esophageal carcinoma and 2) endoscopic methods of resection in early stage esophageal carcinoma. The paper is written in clear English covers all aspects of this disease. I especially like the critical treatment of modalities like radiofrequency ablation vs endomucosal resection and each



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modalities overall survival as documented in clinical trials. Same applies to the chapter on EUS, and that clinical staging should not be done by EUS, however LN sampling by EUS is of great clinical value. I think that many of the figures do not add anything the well written text. I would remove figures 4,5, 6 and 7. A figure to be added would be a schematic presentation of all modalities for treatment and at which stage of disease they should be used. Minor issue, figure 5 is cited twice in the text, the second citation should be figure 6.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors wrote a nice review summarising the role of endoscopy in the management of patients diagnosed with esophageal cancer at different stages of the disease. The piece of wrk is practical and relevant. However, I think it can be significantly improved and I hope the comments below will help achieve that: Major comments: 1- Throughout



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various sections, there needs to be a clear distinction and better separation between adeno and squamous subtypes with regards to epidemiology, diagnosis, assessment, and therapy options. 2- All statements summarising data and figures must be adequately referenced. For example, cancer survival and epidemiology figures in the introduction. 3- In the introduction, the authors state “localized disease have a 5-year survival rate of 45.2%,” What do the authors mean by “localised”? Please use appropriate staging terms. Also, survival for T1a cancers can be up to 95% in some studies. Please correct. 4- Remove the term “localised” disease. Do you mean “mucosal”? “submucosal”? 5- The authors state that the most commonly used dye is methylene blue. This is not correct and in fact that most commonly used dyes are acetic acid for Barrett’s and Lugol’s for squamous. Please amend. Methylene blue has no role in the modern current management protocols. Minor comments: 1- Please add reference to the JAMA paper on RFA for LGD published by the AMC group. 2- Please add reference and data from the BRIDE study recently published in GIE by DeCaestecker (senior author) on APC vs RFA for Barrett’s. Showed equal efficacy for short segment Barrett’s.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The present review focuses to the examination of the multiple roles of endoscopy in the management of patients with esophageal cancer. The work is very interesting, since it gives substantial information on the subject and covers all aspects. The manuscript is well-written in both scientific and educational manner. The authors should add the



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title in references' section and thereafter the manuscript can be accepted for publication.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This a really good job and a review that i enjoyed a lot. Easy to follow and understand even for the one that are not experts. Here comes some comments useful to take into account. 1. The issue about the use of endoscopical resections in T1b is still open. The use of references and details about this inconclusive issue is obligatory. Maybe a picture



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could help to understand which method is the recommended in different stages. The author should describe which version of TNM is used to stratify these early stages. 2. The comment about the one situation where ESD has had positive results compared with EMR should reformed as long as in the previous paragraph the author analyses what are the advantages of ESD compared with EMR. Genrally ESD is in the everyday praxis superior method. 3. The author should adjust the suitable references where they describe the overall guidelines recommendation for EMR. 4. Same about the guidelines of RFA use. 5. Any comments about the possible complications after the endoscopic methods should made the review more complete. 6. The comment about the preferable endoscopic technique in authors institute is a negative pleonasm. 7. I miss a paragraphe about the endosponge(negative pressure endoscopic treatment) for esophageal leak, he most preferable technique worldwide. Generally a review that miss this technique is not a full review. 8. The author should think to make any comments about the endoscopic help in palliative PEG placement. 9. The author should think to adjust a discussion or more detailed conclusion part.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled "Endoscopic Management of Esophageal Cancer", by Osman Ahmed et al from MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, is a review article describing the multiple roles of endoscopy in the management of patients with esophageal cancer. It is a well written and comprehensive review, not redundant and well focused on



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practical informations. I think it can be published as is.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors have made an excellent and concise review to explicit the role of endoscopy on the treatment of esophageal cancer. There is only one minor concern on your manuscript that the endoscopic pictures you presented are not good enough. It would be better if you could show more clear pictures, even courtesy from other colleges or



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