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## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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The manuscript is well written and could be considered for publication with revision. The lack of supplemental material is striking. There should be at least one demonstrative picture of a stent for benign indication. Tables should list major studies on each of the main entities-diverticulitis, IBD, anastomosis. A table suggesting conclusions of authors regarding each type of pathology and stent use is useful. for instance post anastomosis stent worthwhile while IBD and diverticulitis only when more of a fibrotic rather than a mixed fibrotic/edematous stricture. Endometriosis is likely an inappropriate indication as laparoscopy with ablation is often successful and hormonal therapy as well. The sentence regarding stoma and endometriosis is very awkward.

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Thank you for allowing us consider this manuscript for publication in World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. Authors reviewed the scientific evidence concerning the use of SEMS in non-malignant diseases of the lower gastrointestinal tract. The manuscript is well organized and provides important reference for clinical treatment and management. I think this manuscript is acceptable, but there are some issues need to be solved: 1. SEMS in diverticular disease section. "Similar findings were reported by Keränen et al. Out of 10 patients undergoing SEMS placement", what's the type of SEMS? Uncovered SEMS? Partial or fully covered SEMS? Please clearly describe the types of SEMS referred from other studies, as the incidence of complications may vary from different SEMSs. 2. Authors reviewed the SEMS in benign post-surgical anastomotic strictures, and described some outcomes in some studies. What are the authors'suggestions for the treatment of post-surgical anastomosis with SEMS.

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