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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article is aimed to study the preoperative and postoperative role of upper endoscopy in morbidly obese patients. The title is "The place of upper endoscopy before and after bariatric surgery: a multicenter experience with 3,219 patients". 1. This study is a retrospective study. Some limitations might be occurred. 2. Please add the limitations of the study in the text. 3. The clinical application of the study is very important. The authors should to recommend the readers "How to apply this knowledge into routine clinical practice".



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The authors conducted a retrospective study of 3219 patients regarding the role of upper endoscopy before and after bariatric surgery. They concluded that EGD is only suggested in patients with upper GI symptoms. However, I have a major concern to this manuscript: 1. The result in Table 3 indicates that patients with GI symptoms were significantly found to have abnormal EGD findings. However, the authors should be very careful to make the conclusion of "EGD is only suggested in patients with upper GI symptoms." without further statistical analyses. Association analysis or regression analysis may be needed to make such a conclusion.