

## ESPS Peer-review Report

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, interesting work.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Reviewer report on manuscript 00029158 entitled: "Four-year follow-up of endoscopic gastroplication for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease" The authors conducted a prospective follow-up study to evaluate the long-term effect of endoluminal gastroplication with EndoCinch system for GERD. The study is well designed and new data have been provided. The authors however did not discuss some of the recent studies on the same topic: Liao et al. J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2008;23:398-405. Ozawa et al. J Gastroenterol. 2009;44:675-84. Paulssen et al. Scand J Gastroenterol. 2008;43:5-12. Torquati A et al. Surg Endosc. 2007;21:697-706. Domagk et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2006;101:422-30. Montgomery et al. Scand J Gastroenterol. 2006;41:1382-9.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is well written, just insert the page number and the line numbers in each page for the reviewers.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The present manuscript is well written and organized. The study is of importance in the field. There is no major concern.

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General comment: The manuscript evaluated the long-term effect of a physical treatment method on patients with GERD. Although they reported a beneficial effect of Endocinch for patients with GERD before, the long-term beneficial activity of this method has not been evaluated in their group. Sixty patients were original recruited and divided into Endocinch, sham and observation groups respectively. After three months, 30 patients from sham and observation groups were crossed over to Endocinch group. Therefore, total fifty patients were included in the follow-up study. After evaluation of 3 months and 48 months of Endocinch treatment, they concluded that in the long-term this procedure is not beneficial for the majority of GERD patients. Specific comments: 1. This was a single-centre, double blind, and randomized clinical trial however at the end of first three months, all patients were crossed over to Endocinch treatment so placebo was a question in this trial. 2. In table 1 baseline patient characteristics, there are no information about heartburn frequency and severity, regurgitation frequency and severity; however, in table 2 the information are listed. It would be better to include the information in table 1. 3. Moreover, the value of heartburn and regurgitation in table 1 are not consistent with the baseline value listed in Table 2, for example heartburn was 18 in table 1 while it was 16.4 in table 2. 4. The same situation with SF-20 score is observed in table 1 and table 2. Could they explain how to generate the value in table 2?