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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This work Stubbs and coll. is an interesting overview on operative strategies and technique in gastric bypass. As acknowledged by Authors, this work, not being substantiated by clinical controlled experience, can be considered as an expert opinion and provide interesting insights on surgical details during by pass procedure. However, most of the recommendations described derives from personal uncontrolled experience. Literature reviewed is mainly restricted to the work of O'Brien and no additional notes on the emerging robotic approach are mentioned (Bailey et al Surg Endosc. 2013). Also, O'Brien has recently produced a systematic review on the literature on the argument published on Ann Surg. 2013. Manuscript should be updated. Illustrations are appropriated. Graph deriving from data of a work published in 2006 (O'Brien et al. 2006) is questionable and need to be updated.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors described the features of Fobi Pouch gastric bypass. It was interesting method of surgery. But I have some questions and comments. 1)The authors should indication of this operation for patients with obesity. What was the degree of obesity including BMI, Weight and complication from obesity such as diabetes ? 2)The authors wrote the figure about only Fobi Pouch gastric bypass. So the authors should add figures about the other surgical method such as standard gastric bypass and laparoscopic adjustable banding. 3)I recommend to summarize the features including good things and bad things of each surgical methods in one table. 4)I think Fobi Pouch gastric bypass is very complicated method for obesity. Did the authors compare Fobi Pouch gastric bypass to sleeve gastrectomy? 5)I think the length of Roux loop was too long. Was there any complication such as Roux-Y syndrome and stenosis from Roux loop? 6)The occurrence of gastric cancer is more frequent in distal stomach than upper stomach. One of the most big problem of Fobi Pouch gastric bypass was very hard to observe distal stomach by upper gastrointestinal scopy. What do you think about it?



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This paper deals with the method of bariatric surgery (Gastric bypass). The authors describe their opinions which have been developed from their experience and several reviews, but I think there is no scientific basis for these claims. And there are several problems to be corrected as follow. I hope that my comment is useful for the improvement of the article.

1. Authors describe Gastric bypass was first reported 1967. Please show the reference. Pardela et al. reported the development of bariatric surgery went back to 1952 (Pardela et al. J Physiol Pharmacol. 2005 Dec; 56 Suppl 6:35-44.).
2. In the Introduction, authors say their opinions have been developed through a 28 year experience of around 1500 gastric bypass operations. These data should be given concrete examples.
3. The paper by O'Brien et al. cited on page 4.5 (line 27), should be shown reference here.
5. Several assertions are written without reference to the analysis or without reference to the bibliography (e.g. line 7 and 23 on page 6, line 26 on page 7, line 5 on page 11, line 17 on page 12).
6. The x-axis label of Figure 2, %EWL should be explained the meaning.
7. Figure 3 is not easy to perceive the difference between three illustrations. Please show more details.
8. The text is not organized, so the paper should be shortened to become more concise.