

Answers to Reviewer (Mitsuru Sugimoto)

1. Which are the used SEMS partial covered, or full covered?

**Answer:** Stenting of the stricture was done using a SEMS (WallFlex™ Duodenal Stent 22 mm by 90 mm). The stricture extension involvement was post bulbar which raised the issue of ampullary obstruction with covered stenting. Self expanding stents utilized for the procedure were thus uncovered to avoid ampullary obstruction.

2. Did you perform Spyglass guided biopsy from duodenal stricture part? If duodenal mucosa of narrowed section was smooth, you didn't perform biopsy?

**Answer:** The mucosa had no mucosal irregularity was smooth in appearance with cicatricle scarring and no intraluminal mass. The overall appearance was consistent with NSAID-induced stricture. The biopsies were not taken.