

Responses to Reviewers' comments and questions

Reviewer's code: 03725492

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: The authors described a case report of benign rectal stricture treated using APC and balloon dilatation. For better case report, I recommend minor revision for this article. Frequently, benign colorectal stricture is refractory. Stricture can be recurred after endoscopic treatment. I recommend you to put the results of endoscopic treatment of benign colorectal stricture.

Answer:

I sincerely appreciate your valuable feedback. Under the "OUTCOME AND FOLLOWUP" section, I have included colonoscopy images of the patient's follow-up 4 months after the final treatment (FIGURE 5). There has been no recurrence in the previously narrowed part of the rectum, and the patient's bowel movements have returned to normal.

In response to your suggestion, the original title of FIGURE 5 has been revised from "Follow-up colonoscopy" to "Follow-up colonoscopy after endoscopic treatment." Additionally, I provided a more comprehensive description in the caption of the image, highlighted in yellow in the revised manuscript. This adjustment aims to enhance clarity for the readers, and I am grateful for your guidance on this matter.

Thank you once again for your thoughtful input.

Answering the Editorial Office

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1 Scientific classification: Grade C.

2 Language classification: Grade A.

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4 Recommendation: Transfer to other BPG journals (World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy).

Answer:

We appreciate the chance to publish our case report in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* and the comments from the editors. We revised the manuscript carefully according to the reviewers' recommendations and answered each of their questions. The revised version of the manuscript has been edited for language by a professional English language editing company. Thank you very much.

(2) Company editor-in-chief:

I recommend the manuscript to be published in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*. The 2023 Edition of Journal Citation Reports® cites the 2022 impact factor (IF) for WJGE as 2.0. When revising the manuscript, it is recommended that the author supplement and improve the highlights of the latest cutting-edge research results, thereby further improving the content of the manuscript. To this end, authors are advised to apply PubMed, or a new tool, the RCA, of which data source is PubMed. RCA is a unique artificial intelligence system for citation index evaluation of medical science and life science literature. In it, upon obtaining search results from the keywords entered by the author, "Impact Index Per Article" under "Ranked by" should be selected to find the latest highlight articles, which can then be used to further improve an article under preparation/peer-review/revision. Please visit our RCA database for more information at: <https://www.referencecitationanalysis.com/>, or visit PubMed at: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>.

Answer:

We appreciate the chance to publish our case report in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*. According to your suggestion, we used the RCA database for research and reviewed recent articles on benign rectal stricture and its etiology and treatment. Information from this article has been included in the revised manuscript. We hope that this revision is deemed satisfactory and meets with your approval. Thank you very much.