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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Title and running title: accurately reflects the topic and contents of the paper. Key words: 4, suitable to define the content of the manuscript. Abstract: 289 words, structured, informative, with all important informations (study period 2006 - 2013 ? see also chapter patients and methods: January 2006 to April 2015.) Core tip: 96 words, informative. Background: short, 257 words, informative; the reader is acquainted with the known facts about this diagnostic method, which was introduced in their institution in 2006. Patients and Methods: 549 words, the study was approved by the “University of Maryland Medical Center Institutional Review Board.”. In the chapter, the patient cohort is well defined, with the procedure, enteroscopy, performed (Olympus SIF-Q180?, a 200-cm high-resolution enteroscope with a 2.8 mm working channel that uses a 140-cm long x 13.2-mm outer diameter flexible overtube). Patient and procedural data were obtained from electronic medical records and the electronic endoscopy reporting system, “ProVation MD?” Descriptive statistics was used to analyze the data collected. Results: 665 words, the chapter presents the results of the study. It contains 2 tables and 1 figure, which present key findings of the study (table 1 - patients



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characteristics and pre-procedural characteristics, table 2 - procedural characteristics and findings and figure 1 - insertion depth beyond the ileocecal valve. Results are appropriately presented. Discussion: 1035 words, the authors present the endoscopic method used, research published in the international literature since the introduction of this imaging/therapeutic method in the last decade. Authors highlight advantages but also the limitations (absence of long-term follow-up data and retrospective single-center setting) of the presented study. In the presented study, there were no serious adverse events associated with the procedure - in 18.4 % of patients different therapeutic methods have been performed: argon plasma coagulation, stricture dilatation, hemoclipping and polypectomy. Conclusion: short, 108 words, last chapter in discussion, with a clear message "rSBE is a technically feasible, safe and effective procedure with acceptable diagnostic and therapeutic yields". References: 27, are appropriate, relevant, from 2005 (Gastrointestinal endoscopy) to 2012 (Gastroenterology); included are contemporaray references with recommendations (Am J Gastroenterol, Endoscopy, Gastrointest Endosc, WJGE) for these procedure. Conflict of interest: one of the authors has served as a consultant for Olympus and Boston Scientific.



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Although the author deserve praise for undertaking this difficult and time consuming procedure but there is nothing new as far as procedure, indications, findings, depth of insertion and success rate is concerned. The findings of the study are in accordance with the reports of other studies except more number of the patients.



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Retrograde single- balloon enteroscopy is a very useful interventional procedure of notorious difficulty though. Authors are presenting their experience that is quite impressive for both numbers and results. Manuscript, written in fluent and understandable english is very concise and explanatory. There is no doubt that this technique is very demanding and it concerns large - volume tertiary centres. Authors could also probably provide some additional information like learning curve or technical tips