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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1、 The manuscript is entitled " PEG - Too often? Too late? Who are the right patients for gastrostomy?" – –However, most of the manuscript emphasized on its role in patients with dementia. Although the author made a thorough summary of its wide application, advantages and disadvantages, the content is a bit lengthy. A shorter summary might be better. 2、 The authors mainly discussed patients with dementia. But it was interspersed with descriptions of non-neurological disorders, which makes the manuscript seem loosely structured. It might be better to discuss non-neurological diseases in separate sections. 3、 In the part of Timing of gastrostomy, the author discussed much about dementia and ALS. But as to which patients are recommended to get PEG as soon as possible, and which patients need to be more prudent and individualized, I would like to see these elaborated more clearly. In addition, "early" PEG was mentioned in the manuscript. But what is defined as "early" as well as "late", i.e. what stage of the disease is characterized by specific clinical manifestations and examinations? 4、 Although the authors cited a lot of literature to describe the patients and timing selection, most of them are described by the conclusion without data presentation, which makes the arguments less persuasive.