Reviewer's report

Title: Primary Placement Technique of Jejunostomy Using the Entristar Skin-Level Gastrostomy Tube in Patients with Esophageal Cancer.

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In this manuscript, the authors report their experience with inserting a skin-level jejunostomy tube in 16 patients. Their main goal is to described their success rate and complication rate. I believe that the primary factor making this report unique, is that they are inserting the skin-level J-tube primarily, instead of as a staged procedure. (This should be emphasized by the authors). The insertion of skin-level gastrostomy and jejunostomy tubes has been in use for several decades, and has been described in much larger patient populations. The authors found a high success rate and low complication rate, with a median follow up of 3.5 months. I feel that their conclusion is a bit overstated. It is difficult to make such a strong statement after only 16 patients, and with relatively short followup. Overall, this early experience with primary insertion of a skin-level jejunostomy tube is helpful to readers, to encourage further exploration of this technique.

Major compulsory revisions:

1. For two patients, the disposition of the tube is missing from the Table and in the text. If this is because the patient was lost to follow up, this should be clarified in the manuscript.
2. The last sentence of the M&M is unclear. If there is published data, it should be referenced.

Minor essential revisions:

3. The grammar throughout the majority of the manuscript is in need of correction. Several typographical mistakes are also present.
4. The use of the term G-tube and J-tube in the manuscript are confusing. It is difficult to convey the fact that a G-tube is being used as a J-tube, but since it is being functionally used as a J-tube, it should be referred to as a jejunostomy tube. (except in the materials and methods section where its nature as a G-tube should be mentioned.)
5. Reword the conclusion as above.

Discretionary revisions:

6. Emphasize that the unique aspect of this manuscript is the fact that the skin-level jejunostomy tube is being inserted primarily (instead of staged).
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests