Author's response to reviews

Title: Endoscopic treatment of malignant gastric outlet obstruction with stents: A systematic evaluation of the reported variables for clinical outcome

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Dear editors,
I am sorry for the 1 day delay in submitting the revised manuscript.

A revision of the manuscript has now been made, according to your requirements.

1. This article is a systematic review of how the treatments clinical outcome is reported and not a review of the clinical outcome itself. The QUORUM guidelines is used when applicable, but since no meta-analyses has been performed and no statistical methods have been used we have reporting regarding this.

For the same reason we did not evaluate the data-quality itself according to the QUORUM guidelines for meta-analysis/ systematic reviews, and therefore no report on this. No RTCs were found and all publications reporting on 15 patients or more were included, without any exclusion criteria based on the quality of data-reporting.

2. The abstract is now formatted according to the QUORUM guidelines, and is less than 350 words long.

3. The manuscript is now formatted according to the same guidelines and a section reporting on financial competing interests and authors' contributions are included.

This will hopefully answer your questions.

Kind regards,
Dr. Lene Larssen