Reviewer's report

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

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Minor essential revision. The authors state "there no Objective evaluation of gastric/duodenal function after stenting is limited and no studies have performed quantitative tests of gastric emptying". This is not true. There is one study: Maetani I, Ukita T, Tada T, Ikeda M, Seike M, Terada H, Kohda E. Gastric emptying in patients with palliative stenting for malignant gastric outlet obstruction. Hepatogastroenterology. 2008 Jan-Feb;55(81):298-302. This needs to be included in the paper even though it may not meet the criteria for 15 patients.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'