Reviewer’s report

Title: An Outcome Analysis of Airway Self-Expandable Metallic Stent in Central Airway Obstruction: A Cohort Study

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Reviewer: Efstratios Koletsis

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Thank you very much for providing me with the opportunity to review the manuscript by Fu-Tsai Chung et al to Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery titled “An Outcome Analysis of Airway Self-Expandable Metallic Stent in Central Airway Obstruction: A Cohort Study”.

The article is of interest as it evaluates the usage of SEMS in patients with central airway obstructions the work that this sender present is really nice and the presentation sound.

I enjoyed reviewing the manuscript and I have the following concern/comments:

1. I believe that is useful for the reader of this paper to present the advantage of the silicon stents in the discussion section.

Sincerely yours

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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