Reviewer’s report

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

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This manuscript lacks anything novel to this field, however included great numbers of patients with SEMS. I found the manuscript as a whole lacks focus and any sort of methodology, and I wonder what the purpose of this paper the authors are trying to make. With this type of paper, authors should show more consistency with their procedures, explain why they are using them and why some were omitted?

I would like to suggest the following study design: To compare the efficacy and stent related complications of uncovered vs. covered Ultraflex stents for benign and malignant stenosis.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.