Reviewer’s report

Title: The prevalence of gastric heterotopia of the proximal esophagus is underestimated, but preneoplasia is rare - correlation with Barrett's esophagus

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Reviewer: Deborah Saraggi

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This is a prospective study of the prevalence of inlet patch (IP) in a series of 372 patients.

Hypothesis and purpose of study are clearly presented. In my opinion the most interesting part is the correlation between the prevalence of IP with different definitions of Barrett's esophagus (with and without the presence of intestinal metaplasia). They have found a significant association only with columnar metaplasia. I have some concerns about the year in which the study was conducted (2002), even if some studies have demonstrated that the reported rate has not increased with the use of fiberoptic endoscopes and videoendoscopes (I suggest to cite them).

English should be revised by a native speaker and there are some typos (in line 75 parenthesis is not closed, scatterdiagram) so I suggest to check the text again.

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