

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter by Schuster Regarding Article, “Outcomes and Management of Patients With Severe Pulmonary Vein Stenosis From Prior Atrial Fibrillation Ablation”

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on the recent article by Raeisi-Giglou et al.¹ The management of patients with severe pulmonary vein stenosis after atrial fibrillation ablation is a rare but challenging issue. Several articles have demonstrated good clinical outcome after interventions (both balloon angioplasty and stenting). In our recently published study,² the incidence of pulmonary vein stenosis is comparable to Raeisi-Giglou et al¹ (9 out of 3048), patients with symptomatic pulmonary vein stenosis are mainly men, and it is feasible to perform ablation in patients with pulmonary vein stents. We chose to primarily treat pulmonary vein stenosis by stent implantation, and we want to add that we think that it is important to consider the use of adequately sized stents (10 mm diameter) as primary treatment instead of balloon angioplasty. All 10 mm diameter stents in our patient population where demonstrated patent at long-term follow-up, the only restenosis occurred in a patient treated with a 6 mm stent.

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