

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12595-review.doc).

**Title:** Single-port laparoscopic surgery for sigmoid volvulus

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) The paper reported the experience with single-port laparoscopic surgery (SPLS) for sigmoid volvulus (SV), This may be a beneficial attempt in laparoscopic surgery, especially for some special patients. I therefore recommend to publish this paper in WJG. But a minor revision is necessary in English spelling.

**Response:** Thank you for your comment. We have rechecked the English spellings, as requested.

(2) This is a retrospective study of 10 patients who underwent single port laproscopic sigmoid resection. It includes 3 hartmann's procedures as well. There was no conversion to open or making multiple ports. Only one anastomotic leak requiring reoperative surgery that too by single port lap approach. Safety, loss of blood ,length of surgery or hospital stay are within acceptable ranges. Certainly better cosmetic results have been demonstrated. The authors must reduce the length of text and also keep only required photographs of significance. It may be put as a short report. and authors are encouraged to undertake a comparative study in future.

**Response:** We have reduced the length of the text and the number of photographs.

Sigmoid volvulus (SV) is a rare disease in Korea. We had performed standard laparoscopic surgery for SV in only 4 patients before beginning single-port laparoscopic surgery (SPLS). SPLS was performed on consecutive patients presenting with SV during the study period. We did not consider a comparison or review of the transition from conventional to SPLS for SV because of the limited number of standard laparoscopic treatment cases involved. However, we are planning a future comparative study as additional laparoscopic cases are accumulated, as you mentioned. Thank you.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Lee' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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