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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS-2990-revised.doc).

Title: Appropriate treatment of acute sigmoid volvulus in the emergency setting

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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 most glaring point that requires major revisions is the claim that decompression alone is sufficient for managing non-gangrenous sigmoid volvulus. The authors note a high recurrence rate. Over what time period was this observed?

Answer: Of the 26 successful patients, 7 (7/26, 26.9%) had recurrent volvulus. The follow-up period was 9 to 125 months.

(2) How do the authors justify accepting this high recurrence rate given that the gold standard for non-gangrenous sigmoid volvulus is surgery (either resective or non-resective)?

Answer: The main objective of this study was to review our experience and benefits of colonoscopy in the treatment of patients with acute sigmoid volvulus in the emergency setting. These recurrent patients in our study were elderly patients with underlying diseases. Their relatives refused to do selective surgery. These patients undergone colonoscopic detorsion again without mortality and morbidity.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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