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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS Manuscript 9201-review.docx).

**Title:** Massive surgical emphysema following Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery

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

1 Format has been updated

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

- (1) Type of rectoscope was specified: TEO 15 cm, Karl Storz, Germany (page 6)
- (2) Type of insufflator was specified and insufflation speed was added: Karl Storz insufflator, insufflation speed: 6L/min. (page 6)
- (3) Duration of procedure was added: Duration 115 minutes (page 6)
- (4) Resection margins in pathology-report were added: Clear resection margins (page 6)
- (5) Post-operative course (including antibiotics use) was clarified: See manuscript (page 6)
- (6) Pathophysiology retroperitoneal emphysema due to anterior rectal wall perforation was clarified: See manuscript (page 8)
- (7) Figure of pelvic CT-scan with rectal contrast was added: See figure 4

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our case report in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery.

Sincerely,

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