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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (two versions: "With corrections" and "Clean")

**Title:** Intra-gastric Band erosion: Experiences with Gastrointestinal Endoscopic removal

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

1 Format has been updated as requested by the editor (see tract changes)

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

**(Reviewer 01437824)**

I have revised this interesting manuscript entitled "intra-gastric band erosion: Experiences with gastrointestinal endoscopic removal". In my opinion this article should be published, but I would like the authors explain to us why they choose this device, "metal cutting wire", to retrieval the band, and also I would they reported to us they different endoscopic techniques (pros and cons).

**Reply:** In our hospital the removal of migrated AGB is most often performed by gastrointestinal endoscopy. This approach is less demanding for the patient while for removal of the migrated gastric band surgery is, in theory, not required. The stomach heals in the months after removal and then patients are offered a second procedure. This approach reduces the number of surgical interventions from two to one.

**(Reviewer 02519158)**

This is a very interesting clinical study, which may be interesting for bariatrists and gastroenterologists who in their practice meet such practical problems as described in this article. I suggest only to supplement bibliography with recent literature of topic such as: 1. Brethauer et al., Systematic review on reoperative bariatric surgery: American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Revision Task

Force. Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases, 2014 in press (available on-line) 2. Suppiah et al. Caution in using a unique technique of banded revision gastric bypass: Successful endoscopic and surgical management of a rare complication. International Journal of Surgery Case Reports, 2013; 4: 554-557 After this correction, I will recommend this article in World Journal of Gastroenterology.

*Reply: These references and one more were added and required text changed*

**(Reviewer 02953396)**

Only minor corrections needed

***Reply: Minor revisions were made***

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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