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Editor-in-Chief of World Journal Gastrointestinal Surgery

Dear Editor,

Please find attached the online submission of the revised manuscript entitled “**MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY FOR ESOPHAGEAL DISEASE**”.

This paper is RE-submitted to be considered for publication as a review article in your journal, after it was considered for publication on the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. The reviewers requested major language changes and some other precisions (invitation Ref 18615, email of Wang, Jin-Lei (BPG) [j.l.wang@wjnet.com](mailto:j.l.wang@wjnet.com), dated 8/31/2015). The major changes are highlighted in green.

The manuscript has been improved according to all the *suggestions* of the reviewers of WJG (and of the Editor):

- 1 - A Disclosure statement was added in the 1<sup>st</sup> page
- 2 – The word “miniinvasive” was changed with “minimally invasive” in the whole document
- 3 – The 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph of page 7 specifically reported the different postoperative stay of robotic, laparoscopic and open funduplications
- 4 – The 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph of page 18 reported a study with a learning curve of 20 cases for minimally invasive esophagectomy. Moreover, a supplemental specific sentence (with references) targeted to the learning curve was added in the conclusions’ paragraph.
- 5- The Copyright statement was signed by all the Authors and attached
- 6- All the manuscript was edited for grammar mistakes and fluency by a native-English professional – (*certificate* attached)

Thank you again for the chance of publishing our manuscript in the **World Journal Gastrointestinal Surgery** if it will meet your requirement.

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