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Dear Prof. Dou,

Thank you very much for your letter and advice. We have carefully reviewed the comments raised by the reviewers and have tried our best to revise the manuscript. And now we would like to re-submit it for your consideration. The amendments are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript.

Point to point responses to the reviewers' comments are as follow:

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Reviewer performed review: 2019-12-29 09:10

Review time: 1 Hour

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

To the authors: I have read with great interest the manuscript entitled "Giant ventral hernia simultaneously containing the spleen, a portion of the pancreas and left hepatic lobe: A case report". The paper describes a rare surgical pathology and could be of interest to the readers. The manuscript is well organized, with some minor mistakes in language. Illustrations are relevant but could benefit from delineation of herniated organs with dots or arrows pointing at them. I have some comments regarding the manuscript: - In the Abstract - one of the phrases in Introduction is repeated in Conclusions - "Ventral hernia with protrusion of more than two parenchymal ..." - Despite the psychological issues, the patient had no abdominal complaints? Pain,



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Reviewer #1 (ID: 04092118):

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Response: Thank you very much for the positive comments on our work and all suggestions for improvement.

1. The manuscript is well organized, with some minor mistakes in language.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have invited native English-speaking editors to help us polish the paper for proper English language, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and overall style.

2. Illustrations are relevant but could benefit from delineation of herniated organs with dots or arrows pointing at them.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have delineated the herniated organs with arrows pointing at them in illustrations. (Figure 1,3)

3. I have some comments regarding the manuscript: - In the Abstract - one of the phrases in Introduction is repeated in Conclusions - "Ventral hernia with protrusion of more than two parenchymal ..."



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Response: Thank you for your advices. We have deleted the repeated sentences and replaced the "Ventral hernia with protrusion of more than two parenchymal organs simultaneously is extremely rare" in the **BACKGROUND** with " Sometimes, liver, spleen and other parenchymal organs can also protrude. However, it is rare that more than two parenchymal organs protrude at the same time. ". (Line3-5, paragraph 1, **BACKGROUND**)

4.Despite the psychological issues, the patient had no abdominal complaints? Pain, bloating, early satiety?

Response: Thank you. When the patient was admitted, we inquired about the patient's history in detail. The patient did not indeed have abdominal discomfort, pain, swelling, early satiety and other clinical symptoms.

5.Regarding imaging, adding sagittal sections from the CT scan would be advised.

Response: Thank you for the constructive advice, we have added the sagittal sections from CT scan. (Figure 1)

6.As this surgical entity is so rare, a review of the literature with a table summarizing the existing case reports would be recommended. This could be a great plus for the paper.

Response: Thank you for your kind advice. Done as requested. We have carefully read the literature again and made a review of the literature with a table summarizing the existing case reports (Table 1) .

7.English proofreading is needed, there are several typing mistakes throughout the manuscript.

Response: Thank you. We have invited native English-speaking editors to



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Reviewer #1 (ID:00477066):

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Response: Thank you for the constructive advice. We have carried out a systematic review of all previous cases in the literature and compared this case with the others. Based on the literature, we have made a table of existing case reports according to the literature (Table 1) .

We tried our best to improve the manuscript and make some changes in the manuscript. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper. We hope that the corrections will meet with approval.

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Point to point responses to the editors' comments are as follow:

1. Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s).

Response: Thank you very much. We apologized for our negligence in our work. Now, we have uploaded the approved funding agency copy of all approval documents.

2. Please re-provide the original figure documents.

Response: Thank you. We have re-provided the original figure documents in the form of zip file.

All submitted figures, including the text contained within the figures, must be editable. Please provide the text in your figure(s) in text boxes; Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

Response: Thank you. We have arranged the figures using PowerPoint and ensured that all graphs, arrows and text portions could be reprocessed by the editor.

The original figure documents and PowerPoint are uploaded in image file.

3. The background in the abstract is too long, please short it.

Response: Thank you for your kind advice. We have shortened the background in the abstract.

We tried our best to improve the manuscript. The non-editable figures were deleted and legends were retained in the manuscript. The rearranged figures were uploaded in image file. We hope that these changes will meet with approval.

Sincerely yours,
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