

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6999-review.doc).

**Title** Varicocele repair in severe oligozoospermia. A case report of post-operative azoospermia

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of clinical cases*

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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

Reviewer 1

More discussion about the etiology of deterioration of sperm quality after varicocelectomy should be addressed. 2. Did the patient have history of smoking, drug abuse or other systemic disease? 3. Did the authors measure the size of left testis before and after varicocelectomy? 4. Did the semen analysis repeat when azoospermia was noticed? 5. Was it necessary to perform testis biopsy before varicocelectomy?

**We have modified the manuscript according to the reviewer's suggestions**

Reviewer 2

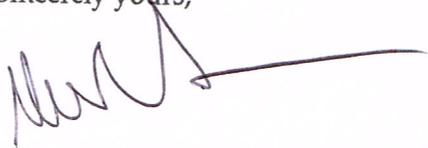
The paper by Marco et al. reported the first case of azoospermia after laparoscopic varicocelectomy in a young infertile patient with left-sided varicocele and severe oligozoospermia, which is contrary to most others that have been published in literature. This discovery is very interesting and deserves to be published before minor revision. 1. Please provide detailed information about the results of semen analyses and hormone test before and after surgery, which will help define clearly the characteristics of the case and get knowledge of the dynamic changes of sperm functions. 2. Please provide more information as to how to exclude the retrograde ejaculation in the patient after surgery. 3. Some words and sentences in the discussion need to be re-edited due to the errors or unclearness.

**We have modified the manuscript according to the reviewer's suggestions. The manuscript has been reviewed and corrected by native speaker of English**

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Milone', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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