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Dear Editors,

We are resubmitting this manuscript to World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy after carefully considering the suggestions made by reviewers.

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to respond to the reviewers' comments in this revised version of our manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

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We would like to thank the referees for their helpful comments. Changes of the manuscript are as follows (*revised portions are colored in red and bold in the manuscript*):

Reviewer 1 (ID: 04031726) comments

1.CARE CHECKLIST - Not completed

#We complete CARE checklist and uploaded in revised manuscript upload “file designation”

2.This case report follows the SCARE 2016 criteria SCARE?

#We follow SCARE 2016 criteria and state “**CARE Checklist (2016) statement: The authors have read the CARE Checklist (2016), and the manuscript was prepared and revised according to the CARE Checklist (2016).**” in manuscript file already in Footnote page 16 line 16-17

3. Describe the hemoglobin value at patient entry

#We added patients entry hematocrits in page 6, line 14

4. The conclusion of an article answers its objective. Your conclusion seems like a summary. Please fix it.

#We added the new summary and change the conclusion in page 12, line 3-14

5. Your title implies that Z-POEM was performed for ulcer treatment in a Zenker's diverticulum but actually you treated the Zenker and not the ulcer! Improve your title.

#We change our title into “**Z-POEM as definitive prevention of a bleeding ulcer in Zenker’s diverticulum: A case report and literature review**”

6) Your article is completely outside the formatting rules required by the WJG. Please check the rules before resubmitting.

#We checked and corrected follow the rules and resubmit

Reviewer 2 (ID: 03251421) comments

1. Is there an error in Figure 4E? Please confirm it again. This figure is the same as Figure 2(left). Was this picture taken when you withdraw the scope after myotomy was completed

#We deleted the Figure 2 and remain the Figure 4E which change to 3E and added the picture description of Figure 3E as **“The picture shows ulcer while checking mucosal integrity after performed submucosal tunneling before undergo myotomy”** in page 18,19

2. Please explain why endoscopic follow-up is scheduled at 6 months.

#We added explanation **“because inflammation might be subside”** in pages 9, line 8

3. In the discussion, you said "The average size of Zenker's diverticulum associated with UGIB is 6.325 cm." , but it is not well established whether diverticulum size is related to the occurrence of hemorrhage from the listed literature.

#We added **“Nowaday, there was not well established whether diverticulum size is related to the occurrence of UGIB but more bigger size is prone to have pills and food accumulation then more risk development of ulcer formation and UGIB.”** In page9, line 17-19

4. "For successful endoscopic management, the neck of the diverticulum should be more than 1 cm wide so the endoscope can pass into the diverticulum. " —Please give more details.

#We added **“for therapeutic management of bleeding at the bottom of diverticulum”** as a more details in page 10, line 18-19

5. The title of the article seems inappropriate, giving the impression that Z-POEM is used to treat diverticular bleeding ulcers, but in this case the ulcer bleeding stopped spontaneously

#We change the article title into **“Z-POEM as definitive prevention of a bleeding ulcer in Zenker's diverticulum: A case report and literature review”**