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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Answering Reviewers_7765.doc).

Title: Revision of failed transoral incisionless fundoplication by subsequent laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication: A retrospective study and review of literature.

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

Reviewer 1 (02441746).. Thank you very much for the comments. Unfortunately, at the time when these patients were operated upon as such no intraoperative difficulties were experienced and therefore no intraoperative images were taken other than the ones already included in the manuscript. This has been highlighted in the original manuscript on Page 8, Paragraph 3, Line 4.

Reviewer 2 (00505481). Unfortunately, since the technique is relatively new, it is highly impossible to obtain long term follow ups as yet. In the future, it is definitely something to look for where we can compare patients who underwent LNF after TIF and see how they do.

Reviewer 3 (02465551)

1. All the TIF that we have encountered in our practice has been reported. There is one other study from the US that has reported similar numbers. **Perry KA**, Linn JG, Eakin JL, Onders RP, Velanovich V, Melvin WS. Transoral incisionless fundoplication does not significantly increase morbidity of subsequent laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication. *J Laparoendosc Adv Surg Tech A* 2013; 23: 465-458 [PMID: 23578416 DOI: 10.1089/lap.2012.0525].
2. Page 9, Paragraph 2, Line 5
3. Page 6, Paragraph 1 does mention the reasoning behind choosing LNF vs GJ
4. Page 6, Line 1. The median operative time in our subset of patients was not different even though they have had TIF before. We believe this is because TIF involves endoscopic approach and that helps in decreasing the adhesions for any potential subsequent surgeries

5. Yes, indeed surgeons in our practice are very well experienced. On average, they do 300-500 funduplications per year.

Reviewer 4 (02482123). Thank you very much for your comments.

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

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