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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 14781-edited.doc).

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

1 Reviewers 00724129 and 00503702 gave positive comments, recommending publication, with no amendments. Thank you.

2 Revision and responses have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer 00503730 who had two main points to respond to:

(1) Although the groups are small, they have not been removed as this series collates and reviews the practicality of all endoscopic type surgeries in this case series. We believe they are of value to the readership. For example, the range of possibilities from simple grommet insertion to a petrosectomy really highlights the options available to the endoscopically trained surgeon. We believe this will be of great interest to the readership and hence has not been removed.

(2) We agree that many of the groups are not homogenous and have added this as a limitation of the study in the discussion. However we need to group the surgeries into a grading from simple to complex and these groupings certainly serve to follow this. The groupings, like the above point, serve to illustrate the possibilities of the endoscope rather than to compare the surgeries themselves. Nevertheless we absolutely agree with this point and have made this clear in the discussion (page 14, red text to page 15).

3 References and typesetting were corrected as per the editor's comments. Thank you for your input. Please note that not every corrected reference was highlighted in red as almost all were changed to some degree.

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

Sincerely yours,

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