

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Language quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No



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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an interesting article. I have some comments: Were these consecutive subjects? If not, how were they chosen? Were these obese subjects? It is not specified. Please, give their BMI. An image obtained with a conventional oral contrast agent could be helpful for better understanding the difference between the two procedures, i.e. conventional oral contrast agent vs. this new oral agent mixture. Give images showing the measurement of the esophageal hiatus and that of the hernias. The information regarding the procedure that are given in the discussion must be presented in a separate paragraph, dedicated to the procedure.

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The manuscript describes a new technique for the study of the hiatal hernia, reporting the results of three cases. The topic is interesting, well described, the background and the rationale are summarized correctly. This technique could be useful and easily applied in the clinical examination of patients, I think these preliminary results deserve more evidence in future thorough research. I tried to find reference # 7, which describes the previous use of "Sono Vue" and a gastric adjuvant mixture, but it was impossible. As this is the main diagnostic technique, I believe it is appropriate to add a few more references, possibly published in more easily accessible journals, due to the international audience to which the publication is subject.

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The Authors satisfactorily answered to all the comments.