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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. The authors have described their experience well in the management of this rare type of giant hiatal hernia. 2. As the authors have mentioned that this is technically demanding procedure it would be interesting to know if they had any difficulties in the surgery of these 14 patients. The explicit details of these would be helpful. 3. The discussion seems to be vague and lengthy. It would be more pertinent if the authors would discuss in the light of their findings in this study.



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INTRODUCTION: - page 3 line 5: I think you wanted to write Cuschieri. DISCUSSION: - since its rarity, a review of the literature and a presentation of the reported cases of laparoscopic approach to intrathoracic gastric volvulus would be interesting (in a table) - CT scan is not cited in the discussion as part of the diagnostic pathway. Please explain its use in the literature and why you don't routinely apply it. - your selection of the patients with gastric volvulus in the pool of patients with hiatal hernia is not well explicated: do you think it is worth doing it preoperatively or the standard approach is similar to normal hiatal hernia: please explain - Thoracoscopic approach is used in this kind of pathology, especially in the emergency setting. Explain its use in discussion and why you don't use it - Paragraph about short oesophagus is too long, as you never used collis gastroplasty in this series: please shorten it. - The use of Toupet vs Nissen funduplication should be explained according to the data in the literature (there are at least 4RCTs talking about it) and after your opinion and preference of the Toupet should be better explained for this particular pathology.