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Dear Editor,

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Title: Laparoscopic Management of Totally Intra-thoracic Stomach with Chronic Volvulus.

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

- (1) We are very sorry about spelling errors especially the name of Dr Cuschieri; we corrected
- (2) The review of the literature was added as a table.
- (3) We also use CT in the management of IGV. Thank you very much to the reviewer; we realized after the reviewers' comments that we did not cited in our paper. CT image of the same patient was also added as fig. 2.(methods section P1,L8-9 , Discussion section P3,L9-10)
- (4) Reviewer comment "your selection of the patients with gastric volvulus in the pool of patients with hiatal hernia is not well explicated ". We tried to present the rarity of this condition in the pool of benign foregut diseases. The preoperative period is not same with GERD patients with a typical sliding hernia. We routinely perform manometry and pH meter (in patients without esophagitis) in GERD patients as we outlined in methodology. In addition we don't use CT in GERD patients. Surgical approach is similar except the sac dissection as we outlined in surgical procedure section. However we agree with the reviewer that the explanation of patient selection leads to confusion. So we deleted the description of all patients with benign foregut diseases. (methods section P1,L3-4)
- (5) Transthoracic approach was cited.(discussion section P4,L7-11)
- (6) Paragraph about short oesophagus was shortened.(discussion section P6)
- (7) Reviewer comment: " 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." We previously reported our experience on this issue.(**Toydemir T, Tekin K, Yerdel MA. Laparoscopic Nissen versus Toupet fundoplication: assessment of operative outcomes. J Laparoendosc Adv Surg Tech A. 2011;21(8):669-76).** And we also cited this paper. However we agree with the reviewer again and we cited the most recently published meta-analyses study as reference 39. (discussion section P8,L7)
- (8) As two reviewers suggested the discussion section was shortened.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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