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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 19429-review-revised.doc).

Title: Transmural penetration of sigmoid colon and rectum by retained surgical sponge after hysterectomy

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Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript. Below is the response to reviewers' comments to support the revised manuscript and supporting documents. We look forward to your response.

Reviewer 1

I have the following comments:

1. Figures quoted in the narrative is not in order i.e you quoted Fig. 1 then Fig. 3D before Fig. 2.

Response: Figures quoted in the "Case report" was rearranged.

2. You need to highlight the fact that meticulous sponge count DOES NOT prevent retention of surgical sponge. It minimizes its occurrence only.

3. You need to mention the retained sponge occurs commonly at long operative procedure during which there is a change of the scrubbed nursing staff.

Response: We added the sentence according to reviewer's suggestion.

4. Did you entertain al all extraction of the sponge colonoscopically?

Response: Because a transmural fistula was formed between sigmoid colon and rectum, we did not try to extract the sponge colonoscopically and did surgery.

Reviewer 2

General Comments

Commentary on patient consent and IRB protocol (exempt?) are needed.

Response: This study was reviewed and approved as exemption by the Inha University hospital Institutional Review Board.

Specific Comments:

1. Keywords - may add "retained foreign object" and "textiloma" as synonyms

Response: We added the "retained foreign object" and "textiloma" in the Keywords.

2. References - Kopka reference is good but may add:

Manzella, A., Filho, P. B., Albuquerque, E., Farias, F., & Kaercher, J. (2009). Imaging of gossypibomas: pictorial review. *American Journal of Roentgenology*, 193(6_supplement), S94-S101.

Kim, C. K., Park, B. K., & Ha, H. (2007). Gossypiboma in abdomen and pelvis: MRI findings in four patients. *American Journal of Roentgenology*, 189(4), 814-817.
for radiologic presentation in other modalities.

Response: We added the Manzella's article in the 'Reference'.

And the manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of Editor.

1 Title page has been updated.

2. The COMMENTS was added.

3 References and typesetting were all checked.

4. An audio core tip is enclosed.

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

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