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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format.

Title: Laparoscopic Re-Sleeve Gastrectomy as a treatment of weight regain after Sleeve Gastrectomy (edited-7853)

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

Format has been updated.

Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

Reviewer 1

- Figure 1 is changed to show that, on postoperative day 2 after Sleeve, on upper gastro-intestinal series there was not yet evident stomach dilatation (point 1).
- We add in the discussion why we do not consider a malabsorptive intervention to correct a failed Sleeve, even if we had a mean BMI of 32kg/m² one year after Re-Sleeve (point 2 and 3).
- We develop discussion about the causes of stomach dilatation after Sleeve, considering psychological and nutritional assessments too (point 4).
- We add in the discussion what we will do if the patient will regain weight after Re-Sleeve (point 5).

Reviewer 2

- We change the structure of the "Results", adding different paragraphs. We separate the part of patient characteristics and the findings after LSG from the results after LRSG. In this way, we hope to clarify the manuscript (point major 1 and minor 2).
- We specify that the surgical technique of Sleeve and Re-Sleeve is the same (same calibration tube for all the patients). We add operating time and blood loss (point major 2 and 3).
- Figure 2 is remade according to the indication to show Standard Deviation (point major 4).
- Figure 3 is removed because unfit for showing improvement of co-morbidity by LRSG (point major 5).
- In the title, "Sleeve" is corrected with "Sleeve Gastrectomy" (point minor 1).
- Manuscript is reviewed by a native English (point minor 3)

Reviewer 3

- We don't have data on DS or RYBG after failed Sleeve (point 1).
- We read P Noel paper and include comments on it in the discussion (point 2).
- We clarify that all weight-regain patients have a gastric pouch dilatation (point 2).

References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,

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