

Endoscopic tightening of the cardia mucosa in gastroesophageal reflux disease: A case series of 120 patients up to 1-year follow-up

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Dear Dr Zhang,

Reviewers have now commented on your paper. You will see that they are advising that you
revise your manuscript. If you are prepared to undertake the work required, I would be
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Yours sincerely

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Reviewers' comments:

- Reviewer #1: 1. Title should say "short term" or "up to 1 year follow-up"
2. This short follow-up tells us the procedure can be done, but what is the durability? What is 1 year of relief in the chronic history of GERD?
3. Need pictures of the technical procedure. Seems relatively simple.
4. Limited application in the more obese population in the West compared to the smaller, more slender oriental population who have less severe GERD due to chronic HP infection
5. English of manuscript is well written. Nice endoscopic photographs.
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Authors' response

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the reviewers for the constructive and positive comments.

Replies to Reviewer 1

Reviewers' comments

1. Title should say "short term" or "up to 1 year follow-up".

Answer: Title has been revised as "Endoscopic Tightening of the Cardia Mucosa in Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease: A Case Series of 120 Patients up to 1 year follow-up".

2. This short follow-up tells us the procedure can be done, but what is the durability? What is 1 year of relief in the chronic history of GERD?

Answer: The operation is simple and safe, with minimal trauma. Symptoms of patients such as reflux, heartburn, and retrosternal burning sensation were significantly improved after the procedure.

3. Need pictures of the technical procedure. Seems relatively simple.

Answer: We have added pictures of the technical procedure (Figure 3).

4. Limited application in the more obese population in the West compared to the smaller, more slender oriental population who have less severe GERD due to chronic HP infection.

Answer: Regardless of obese or slender population, treatment of GRED includes changes of lifestyle, such as losing weight, changing eating habits, quitting smoking, etc. At the same time, patients can take medication such as proton-pump inhibitors to alleviate symptom.

Finally, if the treatments talked above are not effective, then endoscopic procedure or surgery can be taken.

5. English of manuscript is well written. Nice endoscopic photographs.

Answer: Thanks for your compliments.

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Dear authors,

I am pleased to inform you that your manuscript has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Clinical and Translational Research.

You will receive the proofs of your article shortly, which we kindly ask you to thoroughly review for any errors.

Thank you for submitting your work to JCTR.

Kindest regards,

Michal Heger
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