Reviewer's report

Title: The laparoscopic hiatoplasty with antireflux surgery is a safe and effective procedure to repair giant hiatal hernia

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The manuscript was throughout revised addressing the reviewers’ comments. Only few minor aspects remain:

1. Discussion: esophageal manometry 3 and 12 months after operation showed a significantly higher (not lower) esophageal spincter pressure compared to preoperative.

2. Discussion: The study by Linke GR (using combined impedance-pH monitoring to assess the efficacy of laparoscopic mesh augmented hiatoplasty in symptomatic hiatal hernia) is added in the discussion section. Please pay attention, that in this study, laparoscopic mesh-augmented hiatoplasty without fundoplication was evaluated. However, a comparison of the corresponding impedance pH data with the present study results is of interest!

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.