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Title: Successful laparoscopic management of paraesophageal hiatal hernia with upside-down intrathoracic stomach: a case report

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Dear Sir,

I am a consultant surgeon in the Department of Surgery of Sarawak General Hospital and affiliated lecturer at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak. My areas of specialization and focus of work are mainly gastrointestinal, bariatric and minimal access surgery.

I am sending you our manuscript entitled “Successful laparoscopic management of paraesophageal hiatal hernia with upside-down intrathoracic stomach: a case report” for review.

We would like to have the manuscript considered for publication in Journal of Medical Case Reports, for the following reasons:

1) Majority of published case reports or case series of paraesophageal hernia with intrathoracic mesentericoaxial type of gastric volvulus are from Europe and United States, with little or no information on clinical outcomes provided by countries of Southeast Asia.

2) Understanding that geographic variation may influence clinical presentations and outcomes across different parts of the world, the publication of isolated cases in subregion of Asia may be used as future reference for better management of similar cases in this region. Therefore, it is of interest to Southeast Asian countries as such a case is yet to be reported.

3) The concepts of surgical approach namely lateral releasing incision and mesh hiatalplasty described here can be added to the armamentarium of surgeons performing laparoscopic surgery for similar cases.

Lastly, I declare that we have no potential competing interests.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Siow