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Dear prof., Kibwana

You submitted the manuscript, **Laparoscopic Heller's cardio-myotomy and fundoplication.; A successful approach for Achalasia Management at Muhimbili National Hospital, Tanzania: A cases series**

," to the African Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. The reviewer's comments (s) are included at the end of this email.

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Salem Y Mohamed

Chief Editor, African Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

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**Reviewer Comments to Author:**

**Reviewer1: (SS)**

I read your manuscript about the Heller operation in Achalasia with great interest.

I am very interested in the two patients' young ages.

Why don't you mention the manometric study findings? According to the Chicago classification of esophageal motility disorder, there are many mimics, so manometric criteria are essential for diagnosis.

Regarding Dorr's fundoplication, could you explain that technique?

I'm curious why your study did not use the POEM technique. Is it not available at your center? I'm particularly interested in this technique due to its minimally invasive nature.

In post-operative, the usage of pethidine every eight hrs. for days after laparoscopic surgery, with the concerns of opioid-induced dysphagia

Accepted with minor revision

**Reviewer 2: (AF)**

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| **Raw number** | **remarks** | **comments** |
| 15 | Muhimbili National Hospital | Punctuation mark (Hospital.) |
| 17 | manometer | Manometry is the right |
| 6-18 | Marium swallow is not mentioned. |   |
| 120 | Why was fundoplication not done in case 2? |   |
| 158-159 | Both cases demonstrate favorable long-term functional outcomes following laparoscopic Heller's cardio-myotomy and fundoplication. | What is the duration of the follow-up period? |

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