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Dear Prof. Su-Xin Gou:

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to revise the manuscript.

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript in Word format (file name: 1441-revision.doc).

Title: Upper gastrointestinal microbiota and digestive diseases

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

1 Format has been updated

The revised manuscript (file name: ESPS-1441-Edited.doc), the copyright assignment and answering reviewers were all resubmitted.

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

1 Discuss some UGI flora might be transit not resident flora.

Answer: Thanks for your comments. According to the transient and resident microflora in upper gastrointestinal tract, we added some contents in the section of esophagus and stomach.

2 p13. line 17-20. The description about the bacterial community in colorectal adenoma "Shen *et al* foundwith colorectal adenoma." should be deleted. Because it is unrelated with the topic of this section.

Answer: It is really true as reviewer suggested that it is not necessary to describe the studies about microbiota and colorectal adenoma, so we deleted this contents.

3 p17. line 22. Delete "4."

Answer: Thanks your careful examination, some redundant words were deleted.

- 4 p17. para 3. A summary of recommendations on the representative human specimens and analytic methods for UGI microbiota research in this paragraph would be helpful to readers.

Answer: I appreciate the reviewer comments. In this section, we added some contents about the study limitations such as the selection of representative specimens and the suitable analytic methods for UGI microbiota.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

- 1 According to your suggestion, I have finished the section of CORE TIP to outline the core contents in my paper.
- 2 The section of CONCLUSION was also added to summary of the whole text.
- 3 103 references were included in this paper, and PMID & DOI numbers were also added.
- 4 This paper was edited by Jing-Yun Ma Editing Office, and a language certificate letter from majingyun edit office was provided.
- 5 The ABSTRACT was added to 200 words.

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

Sincerely yours,

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