

Guayaquil,

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Dear Editor in Chief,

Thank you for your favorable response to our article, as well as all suggestions performed by the reviewers.

We have read and we perform the linguistic revision and changes suggested by you and your team to our article: **Confocal endomicroscopy: Time to move on (No 20095)**.

In regard, though, to the commentator's linguistic suggestions, we sent the text to a second proofreader, a native speaker and professor of English grammar David E. Lukashok, MA.

In addition regarding the reviewer comments:

- 1) All the abbreviations and acronyms were defined the first time they were used within the main text as was suggested
- 2) The key words and the core tip with the audio core tip was done
- 3) all the reference numbers were reformatted
- 4) All the references were corrected according to the suggestions of the reviewer and all the PMID and DOI were provided
- 5) The copyright assignment was done

POINT BY POINT RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS:

REVIEWER 1:

1. Abstract does not need references. Either the paragraphs under the heading of abstract are actually part of introduction or references are added in the abstract which needs to be revised.

The abstract was corrected and the references were withdrawn. The abstract and the introduction were modified in accordance to your suggestions.

2. It would be appreciated if the author could provide some insight into the tips and tricks of CLE based on his experience.

A paragraph with our CLE experience was included in the manuscript showing our experience in our daily practice:

“A recent study performed at our institution demonstrated the benefit of using CLE in cases of “*diagnostic doubts*”, causing changes in diagnostic and therapeutic approach in 40% of cases, in the performance of target biopsies in 100% of cases (17/17) and making other diagnostic or therapeutic methods unnecessary in all cases^[13].”

3. What does the author mean by the phrase 'Is it time to move on'? Discard CLE and move on to another investigation or start using CLE despite its limitations under specific circumstances?

The phrase “Is it time to move on?” means: start to use CLE under specific circumstances. This is remarked in the conclusion of the manuscript after explaining how will be focused the use of CLE in accordance with the results obtained during the last 10 years and how can be justified by the physicians.

REVIEWER 2:

The weak point of this paper is lack of description in detail about the advantage of CLE. What is the potential merit of CLE other than routine biopsy? The author should also include specific number of sensitivity and specificity compared with conventional technics.

Thanks for your review. The advantage of CLE has been included in the manuscript showing the high accuracy of the technique regarding the routine biopsy. Moreover; it was described the weakness of biopsy and histopathology regarding the literature data, showing the potential advantage of CLE.

We include the results of the accuracy (sensitivity and specificity of CLE) in accordance to data already published in the literature, as was suggested by the reviewer.

Thanks so much for the invitation and the opportunity to perform an editorial for our journal

Best regards,

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