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Determination of the cut-off score of an endoscopic scoring method to predict whether elderly patients with dysphagia can eat pureed diets

Dear Editors:

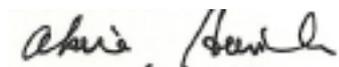
Thank you very much for your nice review of our manuscript. We have answered reviewer comments with a point-to-point response.

In addition, we updated the revised manuscript according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision-Retrospective Cohort Study.

We hope you will be satisfied with the revised manuscript.

Thank you very much for consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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***Answer to Reviewer:***

Nice study. Well conceived and written. The only drawback is that it is a retrospective study. Such a study needs to be prospective. It addresses an issue of great practical value. The authors mention in the "limitations" that "Finally, all subjects were older than 65 years. It is unknown whether the prediction based on the Hyodo/Komagane endoscopic score are applicable to those less than 65 years old. ". Whereas in inclusion criteria, they included patients >65 years. Since its a retrospective study, why the authors didn't include younger patients as well. Kindly answer this

A) Because we did not encounter patients <65 years during this study period. So the description below was used in the text to make readers understand the fact easily.

Exclusion criteria included an age less than 65 years old or the presence of an acute infection.