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Dear Editor,



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Title: Ultrathin endoscope flexibility can predict discomfort associated with unsedated transnasal esophagogastrroduodenoscopy

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

1 Format has been updated

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

(1) The determination and reproducibility of flexibility measurements has to be clearly defined.

We added more detail about methods and conditions we measured EFI in PATIENTS AND METHODS. As reviewers kindly pointed out, we measured EFI five times and calculated SD for each scope except for EG-580NW because we don't have EG-580NW(D) at hand now. SD for each scopes were 9.83:260N(A), 8.49:260NS(B), 3.13:580NW(C), 3.85:16K10(E), 3.06:17K10(F). Although values in this study are not necessarily exact, reproducibility of EFI seems tolerable.

(2) Discuss what factors of endoscope affect on the tolerance to perform EGD using some references.

As the reviewer kindly recommended, we revised DISCUSSION adding more references.

(3) Discussion about the diagnostic ability is not necessary.

As the reviewer kindly recommended, we deleted paragraph concerning diagnostic ability.

(4) Check typographical error in Table5.

We corrected typographical error in Table5.

(5) Improve the legend of Figure1.

We added explanation of "L" of Figure 1 in its legend.

(6) Improve the image quality of Figure2.

We replaced Figure 1 and Figure 2 with those in PPT format that can be edited.

(7) Describe more about the characters of the mouthpiece.

We added explanation and reference about the mouthpiece.

(8) "Discomfortful" is inappropriate.

We corrected it.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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