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Dear Editor,

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Title: Endoscopic submucosal dissection for early gastric cancer with undifferentiated-type histology: A meta-analysis

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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

First of all, we appreciate the Editor's and reviewers' thoughtful and helpful comments. Also, we are pleased to have an opportunity to make this paper to be an even better one and to be accepted with revision, because the Editor and reviewers provided additional important points that we have not realized before.

(1) Reviewer 00051081

We appreciate the reviewer's thoughtful comments. The detailed corrections are listed below.

"Positive alcohol consumption was defined as those who drink twice or more in a week" + alcohol consumption for the last 3 months: these criteria should be revised or detailed. The definition of "drink" should be addressed including local alcoholic beverages) by amount (i.e: g/day or g/week).

->Alcohol consumption data were recorded as the standard of Soju or beer consumed per week. Alcohol amount in a bottle of Soju is 54g (360ml) and in a bottle of beer is 12g (355ml) in Korea. The minimal amount in the alcoholics group was 162g/week in Soju and 144g in beer. Therefore, the definition of positive alcohol consumption was corrected as more than 20g/day (colored red).

(2) Reviewer 1551804

We appreciate the reviewer's helpful comments.

"It would have been very interesting to set a control group of not complicated ulcers".

-> The best way to elucidate the characteristics of peptic ulcer perforation would be comparison with non-perforated peptic ulcer. However, this study was performed as cross-sectional and descriptive format and too small portion of peptic ulcer perforation was identified compared with non-perforated peptic ulcer making difficult to get statistical legitimacy. For the reasoning of the result of this study, acquisition of well-matched control cohort could be possible in the future study, although lacking enough control in this study. Thank you.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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