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Dear Carlos Robles-Medranda,

Thank you for choosing Springer Nature Author Services. This manuscript, entitled “Clinical impact of confocal laser endomicroscopy (CLE) in the management of gastrointestinal lesions with an uncertain diagnosis”, is an interesting report in which the authors evaluate the efficacy of CLE as a diagnostic tool for diagnosing patients with conflicting test results. We have revised this manuscript for phrasing, diction, and grammar. Below are some examples from the text illustrating the types of revisions that were made.

The manuscript was edited with a specific focus on improving clarity. For example, in the Abstract, “Endoscopic and histopathology findings don’t always correlate to certainty, leading to diagnostic and therapeutic inaccuracy” was changed to “Endoscopic and histopathological findings are not always certain, thus potentially leading to inaccurate diagnoses and inappropriate therapeutics”. This edit conveys your meaning more clearly and directly.

Please note that many of these edits were made to improve the readability and flow of the text. For example, in the Abstract, “CLE is a new diagnostic tool for patients with uncertain diagnosis and has a significant clinical impact on the diagnosis and treatment” was changed to “CLE is a new diagnostic tool that has a significant clinical impact on the diagnosis and treatment of patients with uncertain diagnosis”. These rearrangements improve the flow of the text and the clarity of the specific points being made by bringing related phrases closer together and by placing the phrases in the sentence in a more easily understandable order.

We made sure that the tense used was consistent with the conventions that are most commonly followed in scientific writing. The simple past tense is typically used when describing results of the current study. However, the present tense is used to describe facts that are considered to be presently true, and the present perfect tense is used to express actions that were completed in the past but remain connected with the present. For example, we changed “Several publications support this statement by showing a considerable correlation between CLE and histology” to “Several previous reports have supported CLE’s efficacy by showing CLE and histological findings are well correlated”, using the present perfect tense (“have supported”) and present tense (“are”) to indicate the present relevance of these past findings.

Comments were left in several places where further clarification would be helpful or where confirmation of the meaning of the text is necessary. Please review these comments and all of my changes carefully to ensure that the final version of the manuscript is accurate.

Thank you again for using our editing services; we wish you the best of luck with your submission.

Best Regards,

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