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Professor Ke Chen, MD
Science Editor
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RE: 36511

Title: Association between white opaque substance under magnifying colonoscopy and lipid droplets in colorectal epithelial neoplasms

Dear Professor Ke Chen:

Thank you for your e-mail of November 27, 2017 with regards to the above mentioned manuscript. We also appreciate valuable suggestions of the reviewers.

Based on your kind comment, we have made a re-write of the manuscript. We believe we have adequately responded to the comments. Attached please find a completely revised manuscript and a response to the issues raised by the reviewers.

Your kind consideration of this revision for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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To the editor:

1. Please submit Audio Core Tip.

REPLY: I have submitted an audio file describing our final core tip.

2. Please write Article Highlights.

REPLY: From Page 13, line 15 to Page 15, line 16. Article Highlights of our study have been added.

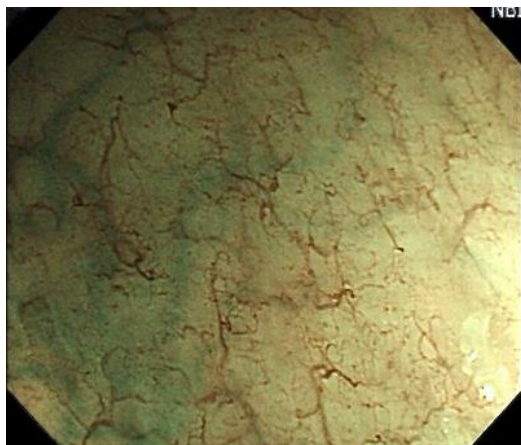
Thank you for taking time to review our paper.

To Reviewer 1:

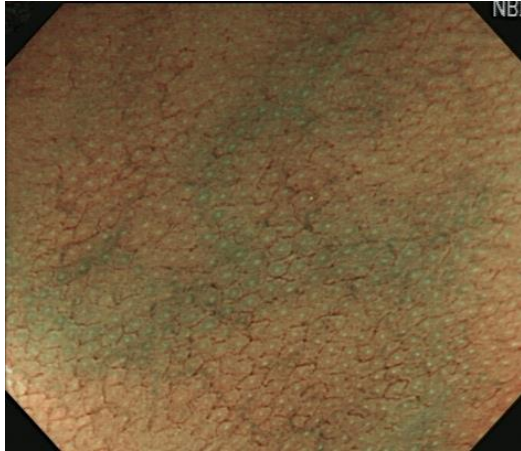
What is the incidence of WOS in chronic inflammations ie IBD ? or its unique to neoplasms? Great work, very timely ...Definitely needs prospective data.

REPLY: Thank you for your comment. Unfortunately, we do not have data on the prevalence of WOS in normal colonic mucosa or in inflammatory conditions. As shown in a figure indicated below, we do not see WOS in the normal or inflammatory mucosa, suggesting WOS to be specific to neoplasms. This issue needs to be investigated prospectively in patients with IBD and healthy subjects. Furthermore, association between WOS under NBI and lipid droplets in colorectal epithelial neoplasms needs to be validated in a prospective study.

Page 13, lines 10-13. The sentence in conclusion has been modified.



Magnifying endoscopic findings with NBI of rectal mucosa in active phase ulcerative colitis.



Magnifying endoscopic findings with NBI of a normal colonic mucosa.

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To Reviewer 2:

It is an important and new investigation regarding colon neoplasm. Despite been a retrospectively study, method is well done and conclusion is supported by the data.

REPLY: Thank you for your kind comment. We are considering a prospective study.

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