

Response to reviewers:

Reviewer1:

1. This paper is a comprehensive review about the current management of esophageal cancer. However, the described alternatives to surgical management are mainly for early neoplasms and may be this could be specified in the title to avoid misunderstanding. Moreover, a word about palliative treatment in case of non resectable cancers could be added. Apart these suggestions, the manuscript is well written and gives a broad overview of this intriguing issue. References are updated. If possible, a table concerning the different treatments, when they were introduced, their main indications and role, might be helpful and enrich the paper.

Response: We thank the reviewers for their comments. The title was changed to include the phrase "early". A paragraph on palliative treatment is included. A table with different endoscopic treatments and their details was included.

Reviewer 2:

1. Please provide a summary table to describe all of the endoscopic therapies.

Response: A summary table is provided.