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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors describe clearly about the new biomarkers for ESCC. They have summarized most of the method for detecting the ESCC. However, I still have several minor concerns.

1. In the introduction, authors mentioned about the disadvantages (high cost and invasiveness) of endoscopy which is the present standard method for detecting the early ESCC. Therefore it would be easier for the readers to imagine the difference between endoscopy and new biomarkers, if there is a table comparing the advantages and disadvantage between these techniques. 2. This topics is about detecting the early ESCC; however, most of the data of the new biomakers are not from early ESCC patients. So it is difficult to say that these newly biomarkers can detect early ESCC. 3. Since the authors wrote about NMR and MS, a non-invasive investigation, it might be better not to use the word "blood-based biomarkers" in the title or in the manuscript.

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