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Answering Reviewers

(1) Answers to Peer-review report

Q1. Need to brush up a bit on the grammar and some sentences for "outpatient clinics specializing in endoscopy". Could the authors elaborate a bit more on this. Is this similar to ambulatory care centers or outpatient endoscopy units? or outpatient endoscopy service? General English readers may be slightly confused by this nomenclature of "outpatient clinics specializing in endoscopy"

Thank you for your comment on it. When referring to our clinic, we changed "outpatient clinics specializing in endoscopy" to "outpatient clinic that specialized in endoscopic medical care", and as a general word, we adopted "outpatient endoscopy units".

Q2. In general international consensus seems to limit endoscopy to GI bleeding, obstructive jaundice, dysphagia, foreign bodies and suspected malignancy.

As you pointed out, it seems that the criteria for our indication were a little loose. We think that this is due to inclusion of symptoms such as chest and abdominal pain, discomfort in the throat, chest and abdominal region, and nausea as suspected malignant tumors. However, as a result of using a well-designed mask, interviewing, and properly using protective equipment, the staff and patients were not infected.

Q3. Current consensus is that upper GI endoscopy is an aerosol generating procedure and that surgical masks alone are not sufficient for protection. Would the authors like to elaborate a bit more on this.

Thank you for your accurate point. Although surgical masks are not sufficient for protection, N95 was not sufficiently supplied and we apply surgical masks alone for some actual cases during the early phase of the pandemic.

Q4. Please kindly include the air changes per hour if this data is available.

Thank you for your comment. The ventilation conditions in our clinic are that the room pressure is equal pressure, the ventilation frequency is about 6 times/hour, and the outside air volume is about 2 times/hour. I added the precise information in the text.

Q5. Minor comments: - need to brush up a bit on the grammar and some sentences.

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1. I added the word “systems” to page2, line 23.
2. I changed “could have contributed” to “can contribute” in line 34 of page 2.
3. I changed “could have contributed” to “can contribute” in line 9 of page 3.
4. I rephrased “to keep an eye on” to “to not delay the diagnosis of” in line 12 of page 3.
5. I added “e” to the end of “whol” in line 5 of page 4.
6. I delete “and” in line 11 of page 4.
7. I changed “traveling in” to “who traveld to” in line 14 of page 4.
8. I rephrased “As one of the factors of this result” to “As one of the factors of this higher detection rate in advanced lesion” in line 2 of page 5.
9. I changed “could have contributed” to “can contribute” in line 4 of page 5.
10. I rephrased “to keep an eye on” to “to not delay the diagnosis of” in line 8 of page 5.
11. I changed “a certain role” to “an important role” in line 9 of page 5.

(2) Answers to Editorial Office’s comments

Q1. The “Author Contributions” section is missing.

I provided the author contributions in the text.

Q2. The authors did not provide original pictures.

I prepare and arrange the figure using PowerPoint.

Q3. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references.

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