

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Savarino E-WJG-2012-1097-R1.doc).

Title: NARROW-BAND IMAGING WITH MAGNIFYING ENDOSCOPY IS ACCURATE IN DETECTING GASTRIC INTESTINAL METAPLASIA

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated, in particular abstract and references

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the Reviewer

Reviewer 1

We thank the Reviewer for his/her positive comment on our manuscript.

C1. Table 3 shows the relationship between NBI-ME ranking and percentage of gastric intestinal metaplasia detected at histology assessment. In this table, I can't find false positive data (Cases with LBC positive but histological intestinal metaplasia was not detected), so this table is incomplete. Authors should insert the false positive data (6 cases) in Table 3

R1. Thank you for raising this point. We completed the Table, as requested.

C2. In this study, Pearson correlation analysis was used to compare the LBC grading with the percentage of histological metaplasia. In the main text, author indicated that correlation index was 79%, which means large positive association. To insert a line of correlation analysis in Figure 2 should be helpful for readers to understand the strong association between the LBC grading by NBI-ME and the severity of histological metaplasia

R2. Thank you for raising this point. We included in the Figure a line of correlation analysis in order to show the strong association between the LBC grading by NBI-ME and the severity of histological metaplasia, as requested

C3. In Figure 1, it is so hard to detect LBC appearance in the figure of LBC (+) and LBC (++). Authors should choose more typical endoscopic figures showing LBC appearance

R3. We selected new figures with clearer LBC appearance, as suggested

C4. Despite of the clinical study performed by three endoscopists and two pathologists, there are so many co-authors. I can't understand why so many staffs are required for evaluating only 100 patients' data collection and analysis in the single center study. You should choose actual members who take parts in this study

R4. We included among the Authors only the investigators who contributed to the design, analysis and writing of the manuscript.

C5. Reference 15 to 30 appears in the main text does not match the contents of cited reference. Please check the all reference and arrange the reference number in the correct order which appears in the main text.

R5. References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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