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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Final paper.doc).

Title: Neoadjuvant therapy for esophageal cancer

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The manuscript has been revised according to the recommendations of reviewers:

1 The format has been updated and changes have been made per the guidelines.

2 Revisions have been made according to the recommendations of the reviewers.

(1) The reviewers requested we address the impact of neoadjuvant therapy based on the stage of esophageal cancer. For early stage/node negative tumors neoadjuvant therapy is not routinely used and none of the clinical trials have stratified the outcomes based on staging. All trials highlighted in this review include patients with locally advanced esophageal cancer. This has been clarified in the manuscript.

(2) Survival for adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma is similar and that has been highlighted in the revision.

(3) The reviewers requested adding more recent papers. The follow-up paper of the CROSS trial (Oppedijk V et al, J of Clin Oncol 2014) has been included. The reference suggested by the reviewers (Chai et al. World J Gastroenrol 2012) has not been included as that review highlighted the demographics and risk factors for esophageal cancer and not its treatment.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript for the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rachit D Shah', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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