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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: CDX2 - 12632-edited(download)[1]).

Title: CDX2 protein expression compared to alcian blue staining in the evaluation of esophageal intestinal metaplasia.

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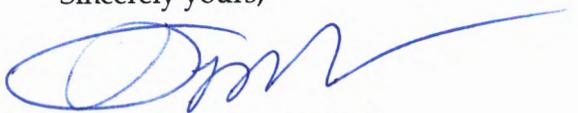
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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

- (1) Revised title to correct number of characters
- (2) Reformatted the title page to the Journal's specifications
- (3) Added the correspondence author's email address
- (4) Reformatted the Abstract to the Journal's specifications
- (5) Core Tips have been added
- (6) Reference numbers have been placed in []
- (7) Reference have been reformatted
- (8) Table moved to the end of the paper
- (9) We increased the number of our references to 26 as requested by the reviewer.
- (10) We expanded the conclusions section to discuss the diagnostic difficulty related to the presence of esophageal glands and columnar blue cells within the sample biopsy.

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

Sincerely yours,



Domenico Coppola, M.D.