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Dear Editor,

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Title: Endoscopic submucosal dissection for early gastric cancer with undifferentiated-type histology:
A meta-analysis

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

1 Format has been updated

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

First of all, we appreciate the Editor's and reviewers' thoughtful and helpful comments. Also, we are pleased to have an opportunity to make this paper to be an even better one and to be accepted with revision, because the Editor and reviewers provided additional important points that we have not realized before.

(1) Reviewer 2495270.

We appreciate the reviewer's thoughtful comments. The detailed corrections are listed below.

1. "The conflict between "technically feasible" but the "therapeutic outcomes are not completely satisfactorily", should be avoided".

-> The conclusions section of abstract was corrected as “In this analysis, ESD is a technically feasible treatment modality for EGC with undifferentiated-type histology. Long-term studies are needed to confirm these therapeutic outcomes.” (page 3, red colored)

2. “First lane of the introduction. please, add an appropriate reference”.

-> The reference was added and the reference number was corrected. Reference;

1 **Leung WK**, Wu MS, Kakugawa Y, Kim JJ, Yeoh KG, Goh KL, Wu KC, Wu DC, Sollano J, Kachintorn U, Gotoda T, Lin JT, You WC, Ng EK, Sung JJ. Screening for gastric cancer in Asia: current evidence and practice. *The lancet oncology* 2008; 9(3): 279-287 [PMID: 18308253 [DOI: 10.1016/s1470-2045\(08\)70072-x](https://doi.org/10.1016/s1470-2045(08)70072-x)]

3. Check journal's refernces' style (for example on page 7)

-> References's style and typographical error was corrected (red colored).

(2) Reviewer 1551804

We appreciate the reviewer's helpful comments. The detailed corrections are listed below.

1. “The authors should compare ESD for EGC with differentiated-type histology, which is a standard treatment for EGC”.

-> In this meta-analysis, only studies designed to evaluate ESD for EGC with undifferentiated-type histology in the target or control group were enrolled. During the searching period, authors could not find enough studies which have comparison analysis between EGC with differentiated-type and undifferentiated-type histology. After cumulating enough published articles, we will be able to include this analysis in the future. Thank you for giving us an important comment.

2. “How did the author select 263 expanded criteria patients from 619 expanded criteria patients?”

-> In the Appendix table 1, there are columns of ‘EI total’ and ‘Beyond EI total’. Each study presented complete resection rate divided by expanded criteria and beyond expanded criteria. The detailed contents of each studies are illustrated in the Appendix Table 1.

3. “There is no “Appendix table1” (page9, line3)” “There is no “Appendix34” (page14, line3)” “The number “32” (page 11, line 19) should be [32]”.

-> Authors added Appendix tables and corrected typographical errors (colored red).

(3) Reviewer 1114

Authors appreciate reviewer's thoughtful and valuable comments. The detailed corrections are listed below.

1. "I feel the lack of the data about long-term outcomes even though I agree with the short-term outcomes using a meta-analysis. I feel recurrence after ESD is the most important about this argument".

-> Authors totally agree with reviewer's comment. As you can find in the table 1, the follow-up duration was relatively short and heterogenous. Thus, interpretation of recurrence rate should be cautious. However, another aim of meta-analysis is presenting the future study perspectives. Through the meta-analysis of this topic, we could find the mean follow-up duration and mean enrolled patients of each study. We will be able to find more reliable outcomes after accumulation of studies which solved these problems in the future.

2. "Please introduce some case reports that presented recurrence and discuss about recurrence pattern in your opinion. And, comment about follow-up precaution after ESD for EGC with undifferentiated adenocarcinoma".

-> Authors do not think some recurrent cases could represent the characteristics of recurrence pattern. Instead, we added one more reference which shows the characteristics of lymph node metastasis of EGC with undifferentiated-type histology. The reference is as follows; 52 Lee T, Tanaka H, Ohira M, Okita Y, Yoshii M, Sakurai K, Toyokawa T, Kubo N, Muguruma K, Tanaka S, Ohsawa M, Hirakawa K. Clinical impact of the extent of lymph node micrometastasis in undifferentiated-type early gastric cancer. *Oncology* 2014; 86(4): 244-252 [PMID: 24902625 DOI: 10.1159/000358803]. Authors added comments about micrometastasis of EGC with undifferentiated-type histology in the page 17~18 (colored red). In terms of the follow-up period, there is no established consensus guideline or studies which have comparison analysis. Because of this manuscript is meta-analysis, authors did not inserted comments of private experience. Thank you for valuable comments.

3. "Please introduce clinical trial conducted in Japan".

-> Authors inserted comments and reference about Japanese clinical trial in the page 18 (colored red).

4. "P17, L2, reference No 46-48? [46-48] , Appendix 34) and table are missing?

-> Authors added Appendix tables and corrected typographical errors (colored red).

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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