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Dear Fang-Fang Ji, Science Editor, Editorial Office
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Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: WJGE meta analysis.doc).

Title: Impact of formal training in endoscopic submucosal dissection for early gastrointestinal cancer: A systematic review and 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

(1) Kindly answer to Reviewer 00227423

Dear Professor: Although, there is a great heterogeneity in the medical literature reports about training and learning curve of ESD. In this meta analysis we had analyzed the results only from the formal training centers reports. The results presented in the literature that can be included in our meta analysis to clarify the training efficacy concerning the procedure length, completeness and complications such as En bloc resection rate, Local recurrence rate, Procedure-related complications, Perforation and Bleeding rate were included. But unfortunately, we can only assume that the procedure was done in a formal training center, such as the one in which I had been trained. Even when there are very detailed description of the learning curve specially in the Japanese and European reports there is great heterogeneity of the numeric information presented and thus cannot be included in a meta analysis. Our discussion has been improved according to your suggestions in order to mention this lack of comparable information from the literature reports. Because technical maturation often requires measurable standard to achieve. As this procedure become more standardized in the Western countries we can also make more precise comparisons between training centers and learning curve.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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