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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS Manuscript NO- 14063-edited).

**Title:** Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection in Early Gastric Cancer in Elderly patients and Comorbid Conditions

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*

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Thank you very much for your response regarding our manuscript entitled “**Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection in Early Gastric Cancer in Elderly patients and Comorbid Conditions**”. We carefully examined comments and revised the manuscript. The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers.

Point-to-point responses to the reviewers are as below.

We used red font in a revised version. Please review our manuscript. We would be very happy if the revised manuscript would be found acceptable for publication in *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

All authors take responsibility for the contents of the manuscript, and satisfy the requirements for authorship. The corresponding author can be reached at:

Tsutomu Nishida, MD

First of all, thank you very much for your important and useful comments regarding our manuscript. Our responses to your comments are as follows:

**Response to the reviewer 02729987 comment**

1. According to the format for minireviews, I revised the manuscript typed in in 1.5 line spacing and 12 pt. Book Antiqua with ample margins.
2. As you recommended, I changed the title, "Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection in Early Gastric Cancer in Elderly patients and Comorbid Conditions"
3. As you recommended, I revised the first phrase in Core tip.
4. As you recommended, I revised the last sentence in Core tip.
5. Thank you for your nice advice. According to your comment, I inserted the following sentence and a word in P3, L13 and the last sentence in the Abstract. "particularly elderly population, patients taking antithrombotic agents, or patients with chronic kidney disease, or liver cirrhosis." And "those".
6. As you requested, we include a definition of indication for endoscopic resection in patients with early gastric cancer in Page 4, Line 14 in the revised manuscript, and information about ESD and EMR for EGG, citing some references including a ref [11] , "Ahn JY et al. Endoscopic and oncologic outcomes after endoscopic resection for early gastric cancer: 1370 cases of absolute and extended indications. Gastrointest Endosc. 2011 Sep; 74(3): 485-93"
7. As you mentioned, we remove the table number in the subtitles and put in in the text.
8. We exchanged Histacryl to Histacryl®
9. As you mentioned, we inserted a specific sentence about the risk of complications in these patients in conclusion.

**Response to the reviewer 01799429 comment**

Thank you for your comment. I revised some miss spells word using red font in the revised manuscript.

**Response to the reviewer 02840060 comment**

Thank you for your comment.

As you suggested, I change a font of "en bloc" to italic.

As you comment, we delete the sentences, P10, L11-16.

I inserted ref. 33 into the end of the paragraph.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. We believe that the manuscript was significantly improved after the revision because of your comments.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tsutomu Nishida". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter 'T' being particularly large and stylized.

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