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The Editor  
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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16573-review.doc).

**Title: Androgens and esophageal cancer: What do we know?**

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This manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers. Changes to the text have been highlighted in yellow.

**1 The format has been addressed and updated as requested**

**2 Some minor revisions have been made to address the reviewers comments**

***Reviewer 1***

*This reviewer requested no changes, although indicated minor language polishing was required (grade B).*

We have reread and edited some of the English language, but have not sent this paper to an English language editing service as 3 of the 5 authors are native English speakers, and 2 of us are journal editors. We note the other 3 reviewers graded the quality of the writing as excellent (grade A). We also note that this reviewer's one comment was expressed in unusual English and suspect he/she is not a native English speaker.

***Reviewer 2***

*This reviewer requested no changes, and indicated that the quality of English language expression was excellent (grade A)*

***Reviewer 3***

*This reviewer requested no major changes, but suggested some editing for length, and requested some citations be repositioned within the sentences.*

This has been corrected, and the length has been shortened.

*The reviewer also indicated that the quality of English language expression was excellent (grade A)*

***Reviewer 4***

*This reviewer requested no major changes, but suggested some editing for length, and requested consistent use of the abbreviations EAC and AR in the paper.*  
This has been corrected.

*The reviewer also indicated that the quality of English language expression was excellent (grade A)*

**3 All references and typesetting were corrected as requested**

PMid's and DOI's have been added where available.

In addition, the following comments were annotated to the PDF file returned for revision;  
***Please provide language a certificate letter from a professional English language editing company (Classification of the manuscript language quality evaluation is B). For manuscripts submitted by non-native speakers of English, please provide a language certificate from one of the professional English language editing companies mentioned in 'The Revision Policies of BPG for Article.'***

Please see our comments above. 3 of the 4 reviewers graded the language as "A". 3 of the authors are native English speakers. The reviewer who graded the language as "B" used strange English in his comments, and appears not to be a native English speaker! The senior author has published more than 300 papers, and serves on 6 Editorial Boards, including roles as a Senior Editor. He has carefully checked the English language expression and is confident that a language editing company cannot improve this paper.

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

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