

Dear Reviewers,

First of all, on behalf of all the authors, I thank the reviewers for providing feedback that has improved our manuscript. We would like to address the reviewers' comments and provide justification for our changes.

Reviewer 1: *Dear Authors, This is a detailed and thorough review on a subject of immense specialty interest. I recommend that you might wish to enhance this document with a few relevant figures. However, I would advise to avoid using images/figures presented in recent/relevant publications in WJG, as -to an extent- the papers are complementary. Kind regards*

To provide the readers with more graphical information, we have included a table outlining research devices targeted towards mechanically actuating capsular devices. However, we did not add pictures of specific devices since a recently published review by Sliker and Ciuti (Sliker LJ, Ciuti G. Flexible and capsule endoscopy for screening, diagnosis and treatment. *Expert Rev Med Devices* 2014; **11**:649–66 [PMID: 25148269 DOI: 10.1586/17434440.2014.941809]) has done so already in 2014. Considering the broad range of topics covered in our manuscript, there is not a single device that sets itself apart from others to be a visual focus of the reader so thus no image was included.

Reviewer 2: *Very good review of the latest development in capsule endoscopy technology. The manuscript was however too long and went into too many details. Adding tables to summarize some of the different versions of capsules in different fields might be useful*

The document has been shortened and certain details that might not be of interest to readers have been omitted. A table has been added that summarizes mechanical actuation techniques that, we believe, will make access to information easier for the reader. Details of the tabulated devices have been curtailed as well. Additional tables were avoided in other sub-sections due to a lack of ability to compare devices explicitly, as well as the need to explain the functionality of the device.

Again, we thank you for your comments and invite you to contact us if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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