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Dear Editor,

Re: *Holmium:Yag Laser in early stage oropharyngeal SCC*
Manuscript # 23562
World Journal of Otorhinolaryngology

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our above manuscript. We are grateful for the constructive criticism and believe its value is reflected in the revised manuscript attached. We have responded to the comments in a tabulated format point-by-point for ease of navigation below:

Reviewer 00503773 comment	Response to comment
I read the manuscript named "Use of Ho:Yag Laser in early stage oropharyngeal squamous cell cancer ".(ESPS Manuscript No:23562) and my recommendations are as follows; This study is well written on use of laser in the Head and Neck cancers. Title : It is accurately reflects the contents of the study. Abstract: Adequate, summarizing the topic . Discussion: Adequate References: References are appropriate and updated. This study is clearly presented. This manuscript is readable and worth to be published in World Journal of Otorhinolaryngology.	Dear Reviewer, Thank you for your review and interest in our study alongside with the positive comments. We hope that this revised manuscript is acceptable for publication. Many thanks.
Reviewer 00503705 comment	Response to comment
well written and with good grammar.	Dear Reviewer,

<p>Can you also define some issues:</p> <p>1- state in the introduction why you decided to present a series of patients treated with Holmium:Yag laser rather than the largely used CO2.</p>	<p>Thank you for your review of this article alongside the constructive criticisms. We believe that we have addressed these concerns, as far as possible, and these changes have improved the manuscript. Please see below for specific changes (<i>in red text in the revised manuscript</i>).</p> <p>We agree that this is a very important issue and full explicate our reasoning at the end of the introduction section (<i>page 6, last paragraph</i>).</p>
<p>2- please refer to the subtypes of HPV viruses that are more common in SCC</p>	<p>We have now included the specific subtypes of HPV associated with oropharyngeal cancer (<i>see red marked sections in introduction and discussion</i>)</p>
<p>3- you don't tell anything about your findings in the 84 months follow up! it is more substantial to refer to a good follow up rather than the Ho Yag laser advantages!</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. We have amended the results section to more clearly elucidate findings at long term follow up (i.e. recurrence rates).</p>

Thank you.

Kind regards,

The Authorship

(anonymised to allow blinded review)