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Dear Dr. Gong,

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript 29864 titled "Prophylactic Stenting for Esophageal Stricture Prevention after Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection". We revised our article based on the reviewers' comments and in compliance with the guidelines of the revision instructions.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Responses to Editor's comments:

Comment 1. *Please revise and perfect your manuscript according to peer-reviewers' comments.*

We revised the manuscript according to the suggestions.

Comment 2. *#Add postcode, telephone, fax*

We added the postcode, telephone, and fax as suggested.

Comment 3. *No less than 200 words.*

We revised the abstract and it is currently 212 words.

Comment 4. *Please provide all authors abbreviation names and manuscript title here.*

We inserted all authors' abbreviation names and manuscript title as suggested.

Comment 5. *Abbreviations and acronyms are often defined the first time they are used within the main text and then used throughout the remainder of the manuscript. Please consider adhering to this convention. Search all abbreviations in your manuscript and do like this when they were used firstly.*

We searched all abbreviations in our manuscript and adhered to the convention as suggested.

Comment 6. *Please check that there are no repeated references!*

References were checked as suggested.

Responses to reviewers' comments:

Reviewer: 1

This is an editorial about the role of metal stents in preventing post-ESD strictures in patients with early esophageal cancer. The authors summarized the previous data and then suggested further direction. (Minor comments) 1. In the section of biodegradable stents, the authors stated that there have been no clinical trials of BD stents in post-ESD strictures. Please refer to the "Novel biodegradable stents for benign esophageal strictures following endoscopic submucosal dissection" Dig Dis Sci 2008;53:330-3. 2. There are some typos in the text.

Response: Thank you for your reminder. We revised the manuscript as "Saito and colleagues reported successful application of biodegradable stents to post-ESD esophageal stricture prevention. Despite having a high rate of early stent migration, the efficacy of stricture prevention reached 100%, but caution should be taken as the data are based on short-term follow-up case reports [10]. This group also reported 2 cases of successful application of biodegradable stents in the prevention of re-stricture formation after balloon dilatation of post-ESD strictures [11]. Experience of using this type of stent is learned from animal model-based experiments [12,13]." Spelling mistakes have been corrected as suggested.

Reviewer: 2

This editorial is well written and informative. As a comment, it is more desirable to describe the kinds of stents in each study cited in this paper. Probably each kind of stent has a different extent of effects on preventing stricture. Before performing RCT, it is imperative to decide what kind of stent is used. Please use spelling errors checking function. There are some misspellings in this manuscript.

Response: Thank you for your helpful advice. As suggested, we have added a table to show the stents used in each study. This editorial reviewed the evidence for the role of stents in stricture prevention and focused on the prevention of post-ESD stricture. Therefore, in the table, ESD-related studies are summarized in detail. We corrected spelling errors and polished the language as suggested.

Reviewer: 3

Thank you for submitting your paper. This manuscript is an editorial about the efficacy of stents for preventing esophageal stricture after ESD. This paper would be informative for readers who have been treated for superficial esophageal cancer.

However, it was not clear how to select those papers. It is necessary to verify the validity of eligible studies in theory in order to avoid the potential risk of bias, but sometimes it is difficult to do that. So the author should present some criteria for citation, for example, the paper published within the last five years or randomized controlled study.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. As suggested, we have included the inclusion criteria in the manuscript. The search strategy and inclusion criteria are: PubMed and Web of Science were searched using the following search strategy: (ESD OR endoscopic resection) AND esophageal stricture AND stent, until 31 August 2016. Studies investigating the role of stent placement after esophageal ESD were included. We searched the reference lists of the relevant studies to identify other studies on the same topic.

Reviewer: 4

The revision for English grammar is needed.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. Grammatical errors have been corrected.