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Professor Lian-Sheng Ma
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Professor Ze-Mao Gong
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Dear Professors Ma and Gong,

Thank you very much for having considered our manuscript for publication in your journal. We were very pleased to see the favorable comments of both reviewers. We have carefully read the reviewers' comments and revised the manuscript accordingly. Reviewers 1 and 2 raised five or six points each. We fundamentally agree with all of these comments and have incorporated them into the R1 version of the manuscript. Red text indicates the parts that were revised according to the comments of Reviewer 1 (Reviewer code: 01438558) and the blue text indicates the parts that were revised to address the comments of Reviewer 2 (Reviewer code: 00044980). The green text indicates the parts that required revisions to address the comments of both reviewers 1 and 2.

We have re-checked the manuscript for English language with the assistance of a professional native English-speaking editor.

We hope that you will view the R1 version of our manuscript positively and look forward to hearing from you again in due course.

Sincerely yours,
Sonoko Kondo

POINT-TO-POINT RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS' COMMENTS

REVIEWER 1 (Code 01438558).

Thank you very much for your comments. We agree with all the points raised and have addressed them in the R1 version of the manuscript.

Comment 1 *The reviewer stated that we should change the title to "A case of pediatric traditional serrated adenoma resected via endoscopic submucosal dissection".*
Authors' response We have now revised the title of our manuscript in consideration of your comment (title page of the R1 version; red text).

Comment 2 *The reviewer asked why we chose transanal surgical resection instead of ESD.*
Authors' response We have now included the additional text mentioning that we carried out ESD approaching from the anal verge (page 4, lines 4-5 of the R1 version; red text).

Comment 3 *The reviewer requested that we correct "Dual Knife" to "Dualknife".*
Authors' response We have made the above correction as requested (page 4, line 7 of the R1 version; red text).

Comment 4 *The reviewer advised us to comment on the patient's anal pain after the procedure.*
Authors' response I have now revised the text to mention the patient's anal pain (page 4, lines 21–22 of the R1 version; green text).

Comment 5 *The reviewer suggested that we discuss the few reports regarding ESD in children.*

Authors' response We have now described some reports of ESD in children (page 6, lines 7-8 of the R1 version; red text).

Comment 6 *The reviewer advised us to cite some reports about ESD for anorectal tumors or tumors extending to the dentate line.*

Authors' response We have now cited some reports on ESD for anorectal tumors or tumors extending to the dentate line (page 6, lines 8-10 of the R1 version; red text).

REVIEWER 2 (Code 00044980)

Thank you very much for your advice. We agree with all the points raised and have addressed them in the R1 version of our manuscript.

Comment 1 *The reviewer asked that whether or not general anesthesia and bowel preparation was used in this young patient.*

Authors' response As the reviewer observes, this patient was indeed young. We did use general anesthesia and bowel preparation, and have now included this information in the text. We were able to carry out ESD without any problems (page 3, lines 22–25 of the R1 version; blue text).

Comment 2 *The reviewer asked that whether or not we injected a local anesthetic into the submucosal layer.*

Authors' response This adenoma was located at the anal verge, and so was potentially painful. We did not inject local anesthetic into the submucosal layer but did use ketamine for general anesthesia and applied lidocaine ointment to the anal verge at the end of ESD to prevent pain. Anal pain did not occur intraoperatively or postoperatively. We have now commented on this in the manuscript (page 4, lines 21-22 of the R1 version; green text).

Comment 3 *The reviewer requested that we provide magnifying endoscopic figures and comment on the findings.*

Authors' response We have now included magnified endoscopic images and mentioned the findings in the text (page 3, lines 26–29; page 4, line 1; page 5, lines 26-28; page 13, lines 4-7; and Figure 1B and 1C of the R1 version; blue text).

Comment 4 *The reviewer advised us to mention the transparent hood, injected fluid and high frequency cautery apparatus.*

Authors' response We have now mentioned the transparent hood, injected fluid and high-frequency cautery apparatus in the text (page 4, lines 5-9 of the R1 version; blue text).

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Comment 5 *The reviewer advised us to mention the ESD procedure time.*

Authors' response The procedure time was 22 min, and we have now included this information in the text (page 4, line 11 of the R1 version; blue text).