

Reply to Reviewer's Comments

'The author contributions should be specified.'

This has been done.

'A conflict-of-interest statement should be included in the manuscript.'

This has been done.

'A "Core Tip" is missing.'

This has now been inserted in writing and in audio form.

'Figures 3 and 4: The awaited permissions from Thieme should be provided; however, own images would be preferable. Figure 5: The picture of the vocal cords could be omitted.'

Permission has now been received for these images. The vocal cords picture has been omitted.

'Reference list: PMIDs and DOIs are not given. Some references are incomplete or not consistent with the guidelines of the journal. Please check also ref. 55: Is "Vol. 2013" correct? (This publication is usually cited as Public Health Paper No. 34, WHO 1968).'

References have been updated in line with journal guidelines and PMID/DOIs inserted. Reference 55 has been cited in line with guidelines.

'Section "Ultrathin Endoscopy", second paragraph: "thenasal cavity" -> the nasal cavity Section "Ultrathin Endoscopy", third paragraph: "The tolerability, safety and effectiveness of UTE lends itself well to use in endoscopic screening for esophageal disorders such as Barrett's esophagus and esophageal varices(11-13). BE can be reliably diagnosed..." -> suggestion: The tolerability, safety and effectiveness of UTE lends itself well to use in endoscopic screening for esophageal disorders such as Barrett's esophagus (BE) and esophageal varices(11-13). BE can be reliably diagnosed... Section "Capsule Endoscopy", third paragraph: "of74 %" -> of 74%. Section "Scanning single fiber endoscopy (SFE)", third paragraph: "...are identified at an immediate stage Research..." -> ...are identified at an immediate stage. Research...; "...allows(47). . The progress..." -> ...allows(47). The progress...'

These punctuation errors have been corrected.