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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6062-review.doc).

Title: Repeat endoscopic submucosal dissection (re-ESD) for recurrent gastric cancers after ESD

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) The conclusion that re-ESD for locally recurrent gastric cancers is safe and effective is overstating the data based on only 5 patients. In addition the median follow up is only 48 months. The authors should emphasize in the abstract that a limitation of their study is that it is based on only 5 patients.

We emphasized in the abstract that a limitation of this study is that it is based on the median follow up of only 48 months and only 5 patients treated with re-ESD. Despite the low patient number and short follow-up, the results suggest that re-ESD is a safe and effective endoscopic treatment for recurrent gastric cancer after ESD.

(2) The authors injected sodium hyaluronate solution into the submucosal layer beneath the lesion. Did this lift the lesion? It would be surprising if it did, as there is fibrosis. If it didn`t lift what was the intention of injecting the solution?

In cases where severe fibrosis prevented injection of the sodium hyaluronate solution, a hook knife (Hook Knife, KD-620LR; Olympus Medical Systems) was used for the dissection of the fibrotic layer. This sentence was added in the Methods section. As stated by the reviewers, it was difficult to lift the lesion at the fibrotic area even after injection of the sodium hyaluronate solution.

(3) Discussion, 2nd paragraph: what does “less motility” mean?
Table 1: Tumor “Locion” I presume means “location?”

“Locion” and “less motility” were changed to “location” and “less motality”, respectively.

(4) Minor English error exist in the text. I suggest that the paper should be read by an English-native

speaker.

Our manuscript was edited by Ameditor, Inc. This edit has achieved Grade A (No language polishing required after editing)

(5) Introduction is too short and more information can be added about the current knowledge in ESD and the rate of local recurrence.

We added more information about the current knowledge of endoscopic treatment including EMR, ESD and the rate of local recurrence in the introduction section.

(6) Materials and Methods section: statistical methods are not related.

We mentioned statistical methods in the Materials and Methods section.

(7) Discussion is weak and based only in the cases described without comparison with other series. There are not references in the first paragraph about the local recurrence rate. More comparisons may be made with other reports like Higashimaya M et al Gastrointest Endosc 2013.

We added more discussion about local recurrence after endoscopic treatment, other intervention such as re-ESD in the discussion section and compared with the results of other reports.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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