

Prof. Lian-Sheng Ma
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Dear Prof. Lian-Sheng Ma,

We would like to extend our thanks to the editor and reviewers for the valuable comments and considering our manuscript entitled “Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection vs Endoscopic Mucosal Resection for Colorectal Polyps. A Meta-Analysis and Meta Regression with Single Arm Analysis” which we are resubmitting for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology. We appreciate the time and suggestions provided and have incorporated the suggested changes into the manuscript to the best of our ability. A copy of the revised manuscript has been submitted.

We have responded specifically to each suggestion below.

Reviewer #1's comments:

- 1. This is a thoroughly researched and well executed meta-analysis. The authors have provided feedback on a significant endoscopic subject and have done that by performing significant sub-analyses and covering a substantial number of aspects that may influence EMR/ESD success. I highly recommend this article for publication. Minor changes: - The conclusions in the abstract should include the comparison between ESD and EMR and not focus on differences between Japan and the rest of world.*

We thank the reviewer for the very encouraging compliment on our work and constructive suggestions for improvement. We have edited the conclusion in the abstract to include the comparison between ESD and EMR, “ESD resulted in better resection outcomes and lower recurrence compared to EMR. With appropriate training, ESD is preferred over EMR as the first-line therapy for resection of colorectal polyps, without restricting to lesions greater than 20 mm and those with high suspicion of submucosal invasion.” (please see Abstract Conclusion on page 4).

Science editor's comments:

- 1. The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.*

We apologize for not providing the original pictures in our initial submission. We have organized the figures into a single PowerPoint file according to the submission guidelines. (please see File: (9) 64837 – Image File).

- 2. PMID numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references.*

We apologize for the missing PMID numbers in the reference list in our initial submission. We have revised the references according to the format for references guidelines. We have provided the PubMed numbers, DOI citation numbers and listed all the authors of the references.

3. *The “Article Highlights” section is missing. Please add the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text*

We thank the reviewer for pointing out the missing section and we apologize for not including the “Article Highlights” in our initial submission. We have added the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text. (please see the “Article Highlights” on page 14-15).

Once again, we thank the science editor, reviewer and your appreciation of our work and the constructive suggestions for improvement. We hope the reviewers are satisfied with the revisions. All the data presented in this manuscript are original and have not been published or considered elsewhere. All authors have reviewed and agreed with this resubmission.

We look forward to working with you and the reviewers to move this manuscript closer to publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

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