

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7940-review.doc).

Title: The Role of Observation of Live Cases Done by Japanese Experts in the Acquisition of Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD) Skills by a Western Endoscopist

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We appreciate the constructive criticism by the reviewer. The thoughtful comments will help us improve on the quality of our manuscript. Below are the reviewer comments along with our response.

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

- (1) What did the author learn from the visit to the Japanese centers? The authors should mention this to be more precise.
Answer: **We have clarified the exact things that the trainee observed (Method Section, page 9)**
- (2) How long did the authors consider the endoscopists visit the center?
Answer: **Details about the length of observation and the number of visited centers were added (Method Section, page 9)**
- (3) When is the best timing for trainees to visit the center?
Answer: **In the Discussion Section we have elaborated on the preferred timing for visit and how an observation can be incorporated in the overall ESD training (Discussion Section, pages 13 and 14)**

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

Sincerely yours,

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