

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: This minireview discussed the use of traction in gastric ESD and the optimal direction of traction, which had received little attention at present. I think the content of the article is novel and provides new inspiration for clinical work and scientific research. I agree with the author that vertical traction does have an advantage in small lesions during ESD; However, in larger lesions, vertical traction may not meet clinical needs and two or more traction devices may be required. I have an idea for this question, is there a range of optimal traction directions that vary depending on the size of the lesion? Of course, this is just my personal idea, put forward to communicate with the author here, thank you!

Response: Thank you for your insightful comments. As you have pointed out, lesion size should be considered in S-O clip-assisted ESD (SLC-ESD). I have added the explanation for this point in the section “What is the optimal traction direction in gastric ESD?” as follows (Page 7, line 7-17):

However, in the subgroup analysis comparing gastric ESD procedure time by lesion size, SLC-ESD was not associated with a reduction in the gastric ESD procedure time for lesions >20 mm. In SLC-ESD, as submucosal dissection advances, the distance between the SLC attachment site and the anchor site decreases, resulting in weaker traction force due to the spring shortening. For larger lesions, diagonally proximal traction may be preferable to vertical

traction to maintain spring extension even as submucosal dissection progresses or an additional SLC should be considered when traction force becomes weaker. Overall, considering the results of these two randomized controlled trials, vertical traction may be the optimal traction direction for most cases of gastric ESD.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: This is a very useful review on ESD procedure and is recommended for publication.

Response: I would like to thank you for the appreciation and your kind comment.