

Dear editors,

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Linked color imaging *vs* Lugol chromoendoscopy for esophageal squamous cell cancer and precancerous lesion screening: A noninferiority study " (ID: 81916). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our research. We have made careful revisions according to the reviewers' comments. I hope you can give us another opportunity to further revise our manuscript if some limitations still remain in the manuscript.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Best regards,

Ningli Chai

Replies to Reviewer #1:

Comments: I read this manuscript with great interest. The authors performed a well designed study. In this study, total 543 patients who underwent white light imaging, LCI, and LCE successively are enrolled. The sample size is enough for conclusions. Overall, this is an attractive study, and can be accepted to publication. Congratulations!

Special thanks to you for your good comments. We have further examined and revised our manuscript.

Replies to Reviewer #2:

Comments: This is an interesting study of the diagnostic performance of LCI with LCE in detecting esophageal squamous cell cancer and precancerous lesions and to evaluate whether LCE can be replaced by LCI in detecting esophageal neoplastic lesions. The study is very well designed, and the manuscript is well written. The findings in this study are important and well discussed. The reviewer recommends to accept this manuscript after a minor editing.

Thank you very much for your positive comments, some language errors

have been examined and corrected by a native English speaker from an editing company. And the new editing certificate has been provided in the attached files.

Replies to Reviewer #3: Thank you very much for your positive comments, which might be of great help to improve the quality of our manuscript.

1. The manuscript requires a minor language editing. Some minor language polishing should be corrected.

Reply: Thank you very much for this constructive suggestion. According to your advice, we have examined the full text again and corrected any grammatical problems. At the same time, this manuscript has been thoroughly edited by a native English speaker from an editing company. And the new editing certificate has been provided in the attached files.

2. Please check if the manuscript is the final version. Some revisions are not accepted.

Reply: Thank you very much for your reminder. I have checked the submitted manuscript and confirmed that it is the final version.

3. Tables should be edited and updated accordingly.

Reply: Thank you very much for your reminder. I have updated the tables according to the guidelines.