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Dear Lian-Sheng Ma:

Thank you and the members of the Editorial Board of the *World Journal of Gastroenterology* for your offer of contributing a mini-review. We very much appreciate the opportunity to contribute and look forward to any additional thoughtful comments.

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9900-edited SRS.doc). All of the changes have been highlighted.

Title: "Anal Squamous Cell Carcinoma - An Evolution in Disease and Management" (ID: [02823312](#))

Author: Marc C. Osborne, MD, Justin Maykel, MD, Eric K. Johnson, MD, Scott R. Steele, MD

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

- 1) An section has been added on recurrent disease, metastatic disease and targeted therapy
- 2) A short running title has been added
- 3) The paper and references have been formatted to the specifications provided.

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-designed review, which gave the reader the whole profile of the diagnosis and management of anal squamous cell carcinoma. However, I have two concerns that should be addressed.

1. The authors should describe the treatment of recurrent and metastasis anal cancer management and how surgery play the role in anal cancer treatment in this review.

Thank you for this response. The manuscript has been changed to reflect the role of surgery in recurrent and metastatic disease.

2. The new treatment approach such as, target therapy for anal cancer should be include in the "treatment" part.

Thank you for this suggestion. We have added a section on targeted therapy in the treatment section of the manuscript.

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

Very Respectfully,



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