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Editor  
World Journal of Gastroenterology

Dear Editor,

We thank the Editors and Reviewers for evaluating our Frontier article and for the insightful comments and suggestions. We agree with all the comments and recommendations. In response, we have revised the article to include all the comments and suggestions of the Editors. We feel that these changes have significantly strengthened and improved our manuscript.

Enclosed is a point-by-point response to the Reviewers' comments and the revised version of our Editorial article in Word format (file name: 44801-Revised-Manuscript-revision.docx). Also attached is the image file in tiff format for the cover page and its caption/legend in docx format.

**Title:** Endoscopic foregut surgery and interventions: The future is now.

**Subtitle:** The state-of-the-art and my personal journey

**Author:** Kenneth J Chang

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

**Manuscript ID:** 44801

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**A point-by-point response to Reviewers' comments (WJG Frontier ID 44801 by Kenneth J Chang): TITLE Endoscopic foregut surgery and interventions: The future is now. SUBTITLE: The state-of-the-art and my personal journey**

We thank the Editors and the Reviewers for reviewing our Frontier and for their positive evaluations and kind comments. Our responses are below:

Editor's comments:

Comment: Audio core tip: In order to attract readers to read your full-text article, we request that the author make an audio file describing your final core tip, it is necessary for final acceptance. Please refer to Instruction to authors on our website or attached Format for detailed information.

Response: We have uploaded the audio core tip.

Comment: Supported by the Vincent and Anna Kong Endowed Chair of GI Endoscopic Oncology Fund.

You need to provide the grant application form(s) or certificate of funding agency for every grant, or we will delete the part of "Supported by...".

Response: We have deleted the part of "Supported by...".

Comment: CONCLUSION

Please include this section in the main text.

Response: We have included this section in the main text.

Comment: Figures 13, 15 and 18. Please check and confirm that all the individuals on the photo have been formed consent to publishing.

Response: All individuals on the current photos have provided consent to publishing. We submitted the consent documents.

Reviewer's comments:

Reviewer #02484487's comments:

Comment: Its is a very comprehensive and extended article which shows hard work and dedication.

Response: We thank the reviewer for positive evaluation and kind comment.

Reviewer #01047625's comments:

Comment: The authors describe here a review article regarding endoscopic surgery and interventions of foregut diseases, such as GERD, achalasia, esophageal diverticula... This manuscript is nicely written and all the topics are detailed discussed. I would suggest the manuscript be published in WJG.

Response: We thank the reviewer for positive evaluation and kind comments.

Reviewer #00503834's comments:

Comment: The manuscript is regarding expert experience as well as systemic review. The presentation is in detail and systemic. It is excellent and would be in priority of publication.

Response: We thank the reviewer for positive evaluation and kind comment.