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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Esophageal Cancer- A Review of Epidemiology, Pathogenesis, Staging Workup and Treatment Modalities Edited-4).



Title: Esophageal Cancer- A Review of Epidemiology, Pathogenesis, Staging Workup and Treatment Modalities

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

1 Format, has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) We addressed the different detectability between SCC and EAC using FDG-PET in the last paragraph of page 11 and continued with an additional paragraph (the 1st paragraph) of page 12
- (2) As suggested by the reviewer we addressed the use of Lugol's Iodine spray in the early detection of SCC on Page 11, 2nd paragraph (Starts with "An emerging area of early detection...")
- (3) We discussed the Major Tumor Markers of SCC and EAC separately as requested by the reviewers starting on the last paragraph of the 14th page and continued to the end of the 1st paragraph of page 16
- (4) Prognostic factors of SCC and EAC were also separated as requested - See 2nd paragraph of page 16 and continue to the end of the 1st paragraph of page 18
- (5) The editor requested the citation of more systematic reviews within the paper, we added 2 meta-analyses to the references. Please see references 20 and 21
- (6) The reviewer expressed concern about reference #7 not giving incidence of EAC in Finland, therefore we went ahead and added a reference on "The changing epidemiology of esophageal cancer in Finland and the impact of the surveillance of Barrett's esophagus in detecting esophageal adenocarcinoma" - Please see reference #8 for more detail
- (7) The editors requested adding a section regarding ALDH2 and ADH1B genotypes and their role in the pathogenesis of SCC, please see addition in 2nd paragraph of page 5
- (8) The editor had a question about the annual incidence of EAC in patients with Barrett's esophagus, therefore I used multiple studies to give a range of the reported evidence - Please see references 27-30
- (9) The editors requested descriptions of the Tumor Markers H2RLN and WDR66 - Please see the last paragraph of page 14 and continued into the major paragraph of page 15
- (10) On page 20 the editor requested that EMD be changed to ESD, that was done as requested
- (11) As requested the term esophageal carcinoma was unified to read esophageal cancer throughout the paper
- (12) As requested abbreviations were defined when first mentioned in the text
- (13) We also made the edits to the authors and correspondence sections.

3 References have been updated as requested with the PMID and/or DOI numbers for the references that were indexed. The first page of the non-indexed articles are included as separate PDF images

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

Sincerely yours,

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